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The Notes may be had either bound up along with this Book, or they may be had separate by themselves.

PREFACE.

ALL Scripture is given by *inspiration of God*, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the Man of God may be perfect,—thoroughly furnished unto all good works^a. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were *moved* by the Holy Ghost^b. Hence the Holy Scriptures are able to make men wise unto salvation, and ought to be considered as the best *outward* rule that we can have to guide us in all the affairs of life.

Yet it is certain that the *letter* of Scripture is not sufficient of itself to guide us to heaven, without the help of the Holy Spirit; for if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his; and it is the Spirit that helpeth our infirmities,—teacheth us to pray as we ought, and that maketh intercession for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered^c. For this reason, I have taken the Scriptures for my outward rule, and the Holy Spirit for my inward guide; and, in the following work, have closely adhered thereunto.

My studies have not been directed by considering what were my former thoughts about religion, nor by a desire of imitating others in any particular opinion or mode of worship; neither by a desire of affecting a singularity of my own*;

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(a) 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17. (b) 2 Pet. i. 21. (c) Rom. viii. 9, 26.

* See THE EVIL CONSEQUENCES OF PARTY SPIRIT.—*Armenian Magazine* for October 1793, page 553, &c.

but I have been led to write of Divine things, according as I have experienced them, amidst the various changes that have happened to me in life, and as sacred impressions have occasioned Devout Breathings to arise in my Soul after God.

For what relates to doctrine, exhortation, or the encouragement of others, &c. I have carefully and impartially examined whatever fell in my way, either from men or books, with a mind wholly in search after TRUTH; and as such I have advanced nothing but what I sincerely believe is built on this everlasting foundation. For which reason, I readily offer my best thoughts to the world, hoping my labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

Concerning poetry we find there is but little mention made of it in the Scriptures; yet it appears to be quite agreeable to the Gospel, or the Apostle *Paul* would not have quoted the *Athenian Poets*^d in support of its doctrines; neither would our LORD have sung an *Hymn* with his Disciples^e, had not such a composition been consistent with the true Spirit of Devotion. Herein then we have an infallible precedent, without having to refer back to such accounts as are, at best, only handed down by tradition.

Much might be said also in favour of singing, but I have already treated a little on this subject in the Preface of a volume of Hymns, which I published at Whitby, in the year 1781, and shall take some notice of it again at the latter end of this book†: I will, therefore, now only speak of its use. We find the Ephesians are exhorted to speak to *themselves* in Psalms and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, &c.^f and the Colossians are bid to admonish *one another*^g in the same manner: from which it evidently appears, that singing is recommended as a very profitable means both for pri-

(d) Acts xvii. 28. (e) Matt. xxvi. 30.—Mar. xiv. 26.

(f) Eph. v. 19. (g) Col. iii. 16.

† See the Conclusion, page 255.

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vate and public worship; and this is happily experienced by all those who *sing with grace in their hearts to the Lord*, whether alone or in the assemblies of the righteous.

Therefore, that this book might be rendered useful for both purposes, I have divided it into two parts, and arranged each part in such order as I trust will meet the approbation of serious persons of every denomination.

With respect to the style of this work, let the reader take notice, that I make no pretences to much erudition; and I have much better work for the few precious moments that can be spared from the temporal concerns which are necessary for the support of a large family, than to waste them in hammering a work upon the anvil, to make it proof against censorious Critics. I rather judge it is more my duty to do that which may promote the glory of God in my own salvation, and the salvation of others. To this end I have every where, as much as possible, closely confined myself to the language held forth in the Scriptures, and all along have pointed to such passages as will in some degree illustrate the subject, and render its use more extensive.

As to the work in general, no part of it is borrowed or picked up from other authors, except some of the remarks which are made as marginal references: of these I have selected a few, but the name of each author is given, or where this was not known, the place is mentioned where the quotation is taken from. For all the rest I am answerable, and must shortly give an account to the Searcher of Hearts, *who will bring every work into judgment*^h, and reward every man according to his worksⁱ.

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(h) Eccl. xii. 14.

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Devout Breathings

OF THE

SOUL TO GOD, &c.

PART FIRST.

I.

On the Creation, Fall, and Restoration.

ADAM was in God's image^a made, . 8
By his creating word^b; . 6
Was also at the first obey'd, . 8
And own'd the sov'reign Lord! . 6
God made^c, and likewise gave him EVE, . 8
But Satan^d did them both deceive. . 8

Alarming fate! alas they fell^e,
And were condemned to die^f:
Sin fully^g fitted them for hell,
And their whole progeny;
But from this wretched, hopeless state,
The promis'd seed^h did them translateⁱ!

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(a) Gen. i. 27.—Eccl. vii. 29. (b) John i. 1, 3. (c) Gen. ii. 22.
(d) Gen. iii. 4, 5, 6. (e) Gen. vi. 5, 6, 7.—I Cor. xv. 22.
(f) Gen. ii. 17. (g) Rom. v. 12. (h) Gen. iii. 15.—xxii. 18.
—Gal. iv. 4, 5. (i) Col. i. 13.

These figures shew what number of syllables are in every line,—and are intended to prevent mistakes, which sometimes happen in setting poetry to music.

- 3 From whence^j then comes this war within,
 And guilt upon my mind?
 It's not for my first parents sin^k
 That I these troubles find:
 The second^l ADAM set them free;
 'Tis plain the cause[†] must be in me.
- 4 To thee, O Lord, therefore I come,
 The new^m and living way;
 My greatⁿ High Priest will make me room,
 And purge^o my sins away!
 The Christ^p of God, whose blood^q was shed,
 Is of the Church^r, the fed'ral HEAD.



*The penitent Sinner expostulating with himself, confessing
 his Sins to God, and desiring the help of his Holy Spirit.*

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 A stranger to the precious^r blood . . . 8
 Which Christ hath shed for me? . . . 6
 And do I still unchang'd remain, . . . 8
 Deep dy'd^s with sin's accursed stain, . . . 8
 To God an enemy^t? . . . 6
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 I with myself expostulate
 For my ingratitude:
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And for the cause, myself I blame
In anguish and distress:
With fear^v and trembling I draw nigh,
O Lord, regard my ceaseless cry,
And all my wants redress.
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That thereby I may holy live
My residue of days:
Make guilt and condemnation cease,
So shall I find love^x, joy, and peace,
And thee for ever praise.

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Self-abasement, Confession, and Prayer.

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When I plead with thy majesty; . . . 8
And self-condemn'd, and self-abhorr'd, . . . 8
I do confess my sins to thee. 8
- 2 Thy law^z is holy, just, and good,
Which I so many times have broke:
While Christ, my Mediator^a, stood
Its dreadful sentence^b to revoke.
- 3 He is my Mediator still^c,
And way^d, by which I come to thee:
Lord, for his sake thy word fulfil,
And pardon what's amiss in me.
- 4 Say to my fearful soul, arise^e!
Now go thy way, and sin^f no more,—
And with true wisdom make me wise
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- 5 With all thy children let me prove,
 How great! how wise! how good thou art!
 By feeling Christ's redeeming^s love,
 To cleanse, and purify my heart.

IV.

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 By thee alone all^j worlds were made: . . . 8
 How shall I meet thy purer^k eyes, . . . 8
 Who thy commands have disobey'd? . . . 8
- 2 'Tis just^l, wert thou to seal my doom,
 And this day cast me into hell;
 But let thy mercy make me room,
 That thereof I may gladly tell.
- 3 For all mankind Christ freely bled^m,
 And dy'd upon the cursed tree;
 Then roseⁿ triumphant from the dead
 To set poor captive^o sinners free.
- 4 Behold a leper^p at thy feet,
 By sin diseas'd, and grief oppress'd;
 Again thy miracles repeat,
 And give me health and endless rest.

V.

A Sense of Condemnation, with Prayer for Pardon and Assurance.

- 1 **O** Thou Judge^q of quick and dead! . . . 7
 Thy severest wrath I dread: . . . 7
 Save me, for condemn'd^r I lie . . . 7
 By thy righteous law to die. . . . 7

(g) Gal. iii. 13. (h) Psal. lvii. 2. (i) Rom. xvi. 27. (j) John i. 3.
 (k) Hab. i. 13. (l) Rom. iii. 23.—Gal. iii. 10. (m) Luke xxii.
 44.—John xix. 34. (n) Matt. xxviii. 6, 7. (o) Eph. iv. 8.
 (p) Matt. viii. 2.—Mark i. 40. (q) Act. x. 42.—2 Tim. iv. 1.—
 1 Pet. iv. 5. (r) Gal. iii. 10.

- 2 From thy mercy-seat^r above,
Now stretch out thine arm^s of love,
While I stand on ruin's brink,
Ready in despair to sink.
- 3 Never can I think of rest,
Till with pardon I am blest :
In this low estate, O give
Faith in Christ to turn and live.
- 4 Shew thy reconciled^r face
By a full display of grace :
Shine, O Holy^u Spirit, shine,
Ascertain that I am thine.
- 5 Banish all my slavish fears,
Ease my grief, dry up my tears ;
And in ev'ry trying hour
Magnify thy saving pow'r.
- 6 Day and night my strength increase,—
Ratify^v my joy and peace :
Grant this portion, Lord, to me
For my hope is all in thee.

VI.

Repentance for Sin, and Prayer for Redemption.

- 1 **I**N trouble, Lord, I pray to thee, 8
Attend my earnest cry ; 6
Let me thy great salvation^w see 8
Before I faint and die. 6
- 2 For ev'ry thought of mine is sin,
My word and work the same :
My doubts and fears are great within,
So is my guilt and shame.

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(f) Exod. xv. 22.—Lev. xxvi. 2.—Num. vii. 89. (s) Deut. xxxiii. 27.—Isa. xl. 11. (t) Col. i. 20, 21. (u) Rom. viii. 11, 14, 15, 16. (v) 2 Cor. i. 20, 21, 22.—Eph. i. 13. (w) Luke i. 77.—iii. 6.

- 3 I'm weary of this sinful strife,
That heaves my troubled breast :
Why should I live this wretched life,
And never be at rest^a ?
- 4 How long averſe to all that's good
Shall my wild paſſions rove ?
Will not the virtue of Chriſt's^b blood
Theſe maladies remove ?
- 5 His Prieſthood^c ever is the ſame,
Unchangeable and free :
In him therefore accept my claim
To Goſpel liberty^d.
- 6 Make maniſeſt the ſaving pow'r
Of his redeeming^e grace ;
And ſave me in this trying hour,
For Lord, I ſeek^f thy face.

VII.

For the removal of hardneſs of Heart, and all Iniquity.

- 1 **O** Thou moſt^g high and holy^h One ! . . . 8
In whom all creatures liveⁱ and move, 8
Break now, O break this heart of ſtone^j, 8
And let it be diſſolv'd in love ! . . . 8
- 2 By ſin, that deadly^k curſed^l thing,
I'm cruſh'd and heavily oppreſs'd :
O, when wilt thou deliv'rance bring,
And from this burden give me reſt ?
- 3 My former courſe of life I hate,
Which hath in wickedneſs been ſpent ;
From this unhappy reſtleſs^m ſtate,
Lordⁿ ſave, for truly I repent.

(x) Iſa. lvii. 20. (y) Heb. ix. 14.—1 John i. 7. (z) Heb. vii. 24.
(a) Iſa. lxi. 1.—Luke iv. 18. (b) Gal. iii. 13.—Tit. iii. 5, 6, 7.
(c) 2 Chron. vii. 14. (d) Pſal. xcii. 8. (e) Iſa. xliii. 3.—Ezek. xxxix. 7.
(f) Acts xvii. 28. (g) Ezek. xxxvi. 26.—Zech. vii. 12. (h) Jam. iii. 8. (i) Gen. iii. 17.—Deut. xxviii. 15, &c.
(j) Iſa. lvii. 20. (k) Matt. xiv. 30.

- 4 Let light^l spring up, and love^m take place,
Till ev'ry slavish fear is gone,
That I, a monument of grace!
May tell the wonders thou hast done.

VIII.

Confession of Sin, and Faith laying hold of Salvation.

- 1 **L**ORDⁿ, bow thy heavens to the sound . . . 8
Of a poor sinner's pray'r; . . . 6
Let grace^o much more than sin abound, . . . 8
And keep me from despair. . . 6
- 2 For more^p mine iniquities are
Than hairs upon my head;
But while thou dost the guilty spare,
Thy righteous curse^a I dread.
- 3 My heart's deceitful^r, and impure^s;
Quite selfish,^t and perverse^u:
Its deadly^v evils thou must cure,
Or I wax^w worse and worse.
- 4 I own thy wrath^x to be my due,
And hell^y my just reward^z;
Yet, thou canst form my heart^a anew,
Though e'er so vile and hard.
- 5 'Tis plain^b, thy word is very pure,
That thou art just^c and true:
Thy threats and promises are sure,
As they^d are, thou wilt do.
- 6 Then Lord, since mercy^e may be found,
Stretch^f out thine arm and save!
For long in Satan's fetters bound
I've toil'd a captive slave.

B 4

(l) Matt iv. 16 (m) 1 John iv. 18. (n) Psal. cxliv. 5.
(o) Rom. v. 20.—2 Cor. ix. 8. (p) Psal. xl. 12. (q) Gal. iii. 10.
(r) Jer. xvii. 9. (s) Tit. i. 15. (t) Mark vii. 22. (u) Deut. xxxii. 5.
(v) Jam. iii. 8. (w) 2 Tim. iii. 13. (x) Rom. i. 18.—Eph. v. 6.
(y) Psal. ix. 17. (z) Rev. xxii. 12. (a) Ezek. xxvi. 26.
(b) Psal. cxix. 140. (c) Rev. xv. 3. (d) Matt. xvi. 27. (e) Jer. iii.
12.—Heb. viii. 12. (f) Exod. vi. 6.

- 7 At length through^g grace, Lord^h, I believe
 Thou wilt salvation give,
 That I free pardonⁱ shall receive,
 And in thy favour live.
- 8 Like wax^k prepar'd, O let me feel
 Love's melting flame divine;
 And stamp on me thy Spirit's seal,
 To ascertain me thine.

IX.

Godly Sorrow working Repentance to Salvation.

- 1 **L**ORD, view the wretched^l state I'm in, . . . 8
 For restless^m, like the troubled sea, . . . 8
 The ragingⁿ waves of guilt, for sin, . . . 8
 Roll round my head, and frighten me. . . . 8
- 2 Weary thereof, I panting^o lie
 Inquiring for the *good^p old way* :
 Thou^q Son of David, hear my cry,
 And take this pond'rous load away.
- 3 Once more, O God^r, incline thine ear,
 And for the sake of Christ^s impart
 Thy love^s to cast out slavish fear,
 And cheer^t my mournful drooping heart.
- 4 For this descend, celestial DOVE^u,
 Cleanse me like a refiner's^v fire;
 Come now, all sin like dross^w remove,
 And me with thy pure mind inspire.^x
- 5 Speak from above the mercy-seat^y,
 That I may thy bright glory view!
 Put worldly things beneath my feet,
 And ev'ry fleshly lust subdue.

(g) Acts xv. 11. (h) Mark ix. 24. (i) Isa. lv. 7. (k) Psal. xxii. 14. (l) Rom. viii. 24.—Rev. iii. 17. (m) Isa. lvii. 20. (n) Jude 13. (o) Psal. xlii. 1. (p) Jer. vi. 16. (q) Matt. ix. 27. (r) Psal. xvii. 6.—Isa. xxxvii. 17.—Dan. ix. 18. (s) John xvi. 23. (t) 1 John iv. 18. (u) Matt. ix. 2. (v) Matt. iii. 16.—Rom. viii. 9. (w) Zech. xiii. 9.—Mal. iii. 2, 3. (x) 1 Cor. ii. 16.—Phil. ii. 5. (y) Exod. xxv. 22.—Lev. xvi. 2.—Numb. vii. 89.

6 Though sin has bruise'd^d me like a reed,
And made me weak, yet will I cry;
The covenant^a in Christ I plead,
Of God, who cannot change^b or lie^c!

X.

Prayer with Confession.

ETERNAL^d God^e of love, 6
My soul from sin convert^f; 6
And all this load of guilt remove, 8
For thou Almighty art! 6

8 Not one good thought have I .
8 Thy favour to procure :
8 No word, or work, thy grace^g to buy,
8 For they are all impure^h.

Thy holy lawⁱ I've broke,
And self-condemn'd I stand,
To bear the sin-avenging^j stroke,
Which justice doth demand.

But mercy^k is with thee,
Who doth salvation^l give;
And now, through Christ, the gift^m is free
For sinners to receive.

At last (though late) I turn
To thee,—the place of restⁿ :
For all my sins, I grieve and mourn,
And pardon^o do request.

B 5

(z) Isa. xlii. 3.—Matt. xii. 20. (a) Jer. xxxii. 40.—Gal. iii. 17.
Heb. viii. 6, &c. (b) Mal. iii. 6. (c) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18.
(d) Deut. xxxiii. 27. (e) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (f) Matt. xviii. 3.
(g) Rom. iv. 3, &c.—Gal. ii. 16.—Eph. ii. 8, 9. (h) Rom. xiv. 23.
(i) Exod. xx. 1, &c.—Jam. ii. 10. (j) Deut. xxxii. 41. (k) Psal. c.
—Tit. iii. 5. (l) Luke i. 77. (m) Rom. v. 18.—Rev. xxii. 17.
(n) Psal. cxvi. 7.—Matt. xi. 28, 29.—Heb. iv. 9, 11. (o) Isa. lv. 7.
Jer. xxxiii. 8.

- 6 I cannot pray^p in vain,
 My pray'r is quite sincere*;
 Nor wilt thou anger^a long retain,
 For lo, I feel^r thee near!
- 7 The work^f that is begun,
 Cut^s short in righteousness:
 Speak^t, gracious Lord, and it is done,—
 I shall thy mind^u possess.

XI.

*The Prayer, Confession, and inward Exercise of a
 Sinner coming to God.*

- 1 **C**OME, Lord, and teach^v me how to pray, 8
 According to thy mind[†], 6
 In thy own time^w, and thy own way^x, 8
 That I may mercy find. 6
- 2 For like those worshippers of old,
 Who *Aaron's*^y calf admir'd,
 In Satan's service I've been bold
 To do what he requir'd.
- 3 Nor do I yet know^z the true state
 Betwixt my soul and thee;
 But what I lov'd, lo! now I hate^a,—
 'Tis grievous^b unto me.

(p) Mar. xi. 24. (q) Mic. vii. 18. (r) Acts xvii. 27.
 (s) Phil. i. 6. (t) Rom. ix. 28. (u) 1 Cor. ii. 16.
 —Phil. ii. 5. (v) Luke xi. 1. (w) Isa. xlix. 8,—2 Cor. vi. 2.
 (x) Exod. xxxiii. 13.—Psal. lxxvii. 13. (y) Exod. xxxii. 4.
 (z) Jer. xvii. 9. (a) Psal. cxix. 104, 128. (b) Lam. iii. 32, 33.

* When prayer comes from a sincere heart in this penitential state, let not the sinner grow weary or faint in his mind, but wrestle with God, like *Jacob*, who prevailed, and had his name called *Israel*, Gen. xxxii. 28.—*Note*, the word *Jacob*, signifies a *supplanter*, but the word *Israel*, a *Prince of God*, or *prevailing with God*.

† Thus saith the Lord God, to every sinner, as he did to the house of *Israel*, Ezek. xxxvi. 37. *I will yet be inquired of. Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.* Jer. xxxiii. 3.

- 4 Still, Lord, thou know'st when I would pray,
 Sometimes my heart replies,
 'Thou need not haste, another day
 'Will God as well suffice.'
- 5 With all his art the tempter* pleads,
 And shews earth's pleasing charms;
 Its deadly baits he daily spreads
 As thick as *Egypt's* swarms^c.
- 6 With fleshly^d lusts likewise beset,
 I feel I've lost all pow'r
 (But as new strength^e from thee I get)
 To stand the trying hour.
- 7 Speak^f, Lord, thou mighty^g art to save,
 Who cannot speak^h in vain!
 Call a dead *Lazarus*ⁱ from the grave,
 And I shall rise again.
- 8 Like grave-clothes all my sins remove,
 And witness^j them forgiv'n:
 Work this great change, thou God^k of love!
 To make me fit for heav'n.

XII.

Earnest entreaties for Conversion and the Spirit of Adoption.

1 FROM sin, Lord, convert 5
 This sad wicked heart: 5
 My sins are as crimson^l, O bid them depart. 11

B 6

(c) Exod. viii. 21. (d) 1 Pet. ii. 11. (e) Isa. xl. 29.—Rom. v. 6.
 (f) 1 Sam. iii. 9, 10. (g) Isa. lxiii. 1. (h) Isa. lii. 6. (i) John xi.
 44. (j) Rom. viii. 16. (k) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (l) Isa. i. 18.

* Satan, who is called the god of this world, 2 Cor. iv. 4. was very
 active (though not successful) when he had full power given him to
 tempt the Son of God. He presents to him all the kingdoms of the
 world, and the glory of them, Matt. iv. 8, 9. Can any one then
 suppose that he will cease to tempt us, who, by actual sin, are be-
 come earthly, sensual, and devilish? Jam. iii. 15. It is obvious, he
 will not; yet let us remember that *Christ*, who was tempted in all
 points, like as we are, Heb. iv. 15. knoweth how to deliver the
 truly out of temptations, 2 Pet. ii. 9.

2 Make sorrow to cease,
And true faith increase,
That I may, through^m Jesus, find comfort and peace.

3 For, bow'd to the earth,
I struggle in birthⁿ;
Nor can I take pleasure in folly and mirth.

4 O when shall I see
That blest *Jubilee*^o,
The time of my pardon^p, and sonship^q with thee.

5 Give ear from above,
And Lord let thy love
My troublesome inmates^r entirely^f remove.

6 Arise^s now, and shine
With lustre divine,
And witness^t that I by adoption^u am thine.

7 I never will rest
Till thus I am blest
With love^v, the pure nature^w of God in my breast.

XIII.

Prayer with Self-abasement.

1 **W**ITH pity, gracious God, draw^x near, 8
And to my plaintive cry give ear; 8
Condemn'd^y I in confusion lie, 8
Asham'd to live, nor fit^z to die. 8

2 For sin I mourn, and long to be
From its destructive^a pow'r set free:
Lord, take away the galling yoke^b,
And let my fetters all be broke.

(m) Rom. v. 1.—vi. 23. (n) Isa. lxvi. 9. (o) Lev. xxv. 9.
(p) Neh. ix. 17. (q) John i. 12. (r) Matt. xv. 18, 19, 20.
(s) Jam. i. 4. (t) Rom. viii. 16.
(u) Gal. iv. 5, 6. (v) 1 John iv. 7. (w) 2 Pet. i. 4. (x) Psal. lxxix. 18.
—Jam. iv. 8. (y) Gal. iii. 10. (z) Luke ix. 62.—John iii.
3, 5. (a) 2 Thes. i. 9. (b) Nab. i. 13.—Gal. v. 1.

Propitious God ! proclaim my peace,
That guilt may now entirely cease :
O seal^c, O make my pardon known^d,
And henceforth claim me for thine own^e.

Till with these promis'd^f blessings blest,
My weary soul can never rest ;
Speak, Lord, and let a sinner prove
The pow'r of Christ's redeeming^g love.

XIV.

A sorrowful Complaint, with Prayer for Salvation.

DEJECTED, sorrowful, cast down, 8
Well nigh o'erwhelm'd in deep distress, 8
My weakness, without^h God, I own,— . . . 8
O Lord, thy waiting servant blest. . . . 8

Thou know'st the cause of all this grief,
My wants, and whereof I am made :
How cursed prideⁱ, and unbelief^j
Deceiv'd, and hath my peace betray'd.

8 Regard the troubles of my soul,
8 And manifest thy glorious^k pow'r :
8 Stay thou the waves of guilt that roll ;
8 Now make them calm to rage no more.

8 My gloomy night turn into day,
8 For mourning^l give me peace and joy :
8 This great salvation^m, Lord, display,
8 And all the devil'sⁿ works destroy.

Give me to share that promis'd^o rest,
Which for thy people doth remain ;
And view, where nothing can molest,
Grim death^p, that ghastly monster slain !

xv. 9.
9, 20.
i. 16.
x. 18.
nn iii.
(c) Eph. i. 13. (d) 1 John iii. 24. (e) Mal. iii. 17. (f) Luke i.
—1 John ii. 25. (g) Rom. iii. 24.—Rev. v. 9, 10. (h) John xv.
—2 Cor. iii. 5. (i) Obad. 3. (j) Rom. xi. 20. (k) Col. i. 11.
(l) Gal. ii. 11.—Jer. xxxi. 13. (m) Luke iii. 6. (n) 1 John iii. 8.
Heb. iv. 9. (p) 1 Cor. xv. 26.

XV.

The might, equity, and love of God in the Work of Redemption.

- 1 **O** Thou God of matchless might^a ! . . . 7
 All thy ways^r are true and just : . . . 7
 Thou in mercy^f doth delight,— . . . 7
 In the same I put my trust. . . . 7
 Shew thyself my only friend^s, . . . 7
 For on thee my hopes depend. . . . 7
- 2 If^t thou wilt, thou canst give grace,
 Therefore save a worm^u like me :
 I thine image^v did deface,
 By rebelling^w against thee ;
 Who my sorrows can relate,
 Or describe my wretched^x state ?
- 3 Human efforts^y are but vain
 To redeem my soul from sin :
 If I favour may obtain,
 Bring thy heav'nly nature^z in :
 Cast out sin by Jesu's^a love,
 And its crimson^b stains remove.
- 4 Dear Redeemer of my life,
 Now the sting^c of death destroy ;
 And instead of guilt and strife
 Fill my soul with peace^d and joy :
 Make me walk in thy good ways
 All my residue of days.

(q) Isa. xl. 26. (r) Rev. xv. 3. (s) Mic. vii. 18. (t) Prov. xviii.
 24.—Cant. v. 16. (u) Mark i. 40. (v) Isa. xli. 14. (w) Gen. i.
 27. (x) Isa. lxiii. 10. (y) Rev. iii. 17. (z) Gal. ii. 16 & 21.
 (a) 2 Pet. i. 4. (b) 1 John iv. 17, 18. (c) Isa. i. 18.
 (d) 1 Cor. xv. 56. (e) Rom. xiv. 17.

XVI.

*Penitential Breathings of the Mind for acceptance with
God.*

O GOD accept this humble song, . . . 8
The tribute of my heart and tongue, . . . 8
And let the breathings^c of my mind . . . 8
A kind reception with thee find. . . . 8

For self-condemn'd, in great distress,
I grieve, and do my sins confess:
Help me, O Lord, in faith^f to pray,
And take, O take my guilt away.

Thy gracious arms around me spread,
To save my poor defenceless head,
And under thy pavilion^g hide
My soul to keep it free from pride.

O captivate^h me thus with love,
And raise my heart to things above,
That perfect freedomⁱ I may find,
And serve thee with a willing mind.

Against my lusts^j thy pow'r employ,
The works^k of Satan quite destroy;
And make^l me like thyself divine^m,
That all my ways with truth may shineⁿ.

XVII.

For Preservation and Deliverance from Sin.

O LORD, preserve^o me while I pray, . . . 8
And with thy strength my weakness stay, . . . 8
Lest I to unbelief give place, . . . 8
And sin against the light of grace. . . . 8

(e) Lam. iii. 56. (f) Eph. ii. 8. (g) Psal. xxvii. 5. (h) John vi. 44.
John viii. 32.—2 Cor. iii. 17. (j) Gal. v. 17. (k) 1 John iii. 8.
Heb. x. 16.—1 Cor. iii. 9. (m) 2 Pet. i. 3, 4. (n) Prov. iv. 18.—
Psal. ii. 15. (o) Psal. cxlv. 18, 19, 20.

- 2 For from my youth^p, my heart has been
In thought, and word^q, and deed^r unclean;
Nor can^t I yet towards thee move,
Till drawn by cords^s of sov'reign love.
- 3 Then, O thou lover^t of mankind,
Whose love is free^u and unconfin'd;
To me thy Holy^v Spirit give,
That I may to thy glory live.
- 4 From this sad, dark^w, and gloomy state
Into thy kingdom^x, Lord, translate:
My song^y shall then for ever be
Of what thy grace has done for me!

XVIII.

Prayer for true Baptism.

- I COME, Holy^z Ghost, my heart inspire
With love^a, and dwell therein;
Baptize^{*} me with this living^b fire,
And purge^c me from all sin.

(p) Gen. viii. 21. (q) Isa. lix. 13. (r) John iii. 19; 20, 21.
(s) John vi. 44. (t) Hos. xi. 4. (u) John iii. 16. (v) Rom. v. 18.
(w) Luke xi. 13. (x) Joel ii. 2. (y) Col. i. 13. (z) Rev. v. 9.
(a) Acts i. 5. (b) Gal. v. 22.—Rom. v. 5. (c) Isa. vi. 6.
(c) Mal. iii. 3.

* From the earliest ages of Christianity great mistakes and numberless disputes have happened in most, if not in all parts of Christendom about *Outward Baptism*. Some from misinterpreting the latter clause of Matt. iii. 11: *he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire* have with an *hot iron* actually set a Cross upon the face or arm of their children (*Brerewood's Enquiries*, page 153.) Multitudes equally erroneous have spent much fruitless labour in striving to prove the necessity of being baptized with *Elementary Water*; also to shew the proper time and manner of using it: But it is easy to prove from Scripture that the greatest part of these disputants have contended far more earnestly for what belonged to the dispensation of *John the Baptist*, and was only a shadow of good things to come, than to convince men of the insufficiency of outward elements, which are all rejected for being too weak and beggarly in themselves, to have any power or virtue to administer salvation, either in whole or in part. It is likewise evident that most of those who pass under the denomination of *Dissenters*, do in substance agree with these called *Church-men*; for both infer, that

O let its sacred heat increase,
 Brighter and brighter glow;
 So shall^d I find a constant peace,
 And in thy likeness grow^e.

(d) Phil. iv. 7. (e) Eph. iv. 15.

currence with *water*, the help of the Holy Spirit is necessary; and
 lay the foundation for their *will-worship*, Col. ii. 23. by going
 to the dispensation of *John* for *water*; at the same time should
 or creed require them to go back to *Abraham's* dispensation and be
circumcised, their practice of circumcision is as much supported in the
 Testament as that of Water Baptism. For after *John's* dispen-
 sation was ended, *Paul* circumcised *Timothy*, and was as much justified
 doing it, as he was in baptizing *Crispus* and *Gaius*; however we
 see, that the prejudice of education so supports tradition, that,
 whether it be founded on *truth* or *error*, it is more generally received,
 by learned and unlearned, than the pure doctrine of inward
 baptism, and the true Spiritual Worship of God, which to every serious
 enlightened mind is full of comfort, without being dependent on any
 outward element whatever. These outward Court Worshippers would
 do well to consider, that *God dwelleth not in temples made with
 hands*, Acts xvii. 24. Yet he condescendeth to dwell with him that is
 contrite and humble spirit, Isa. lvii. 15. And every true believer is
 temple of the living God; as *God hath said, I will dwell in them, and
 walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people*,
 Jer. vi. 16. But before a sinner that has defiled himself with sin,
 he made a temple fit for the Spirit of God to dwell in, 1 Cor. iii.
 he must pass through a spiritual state prefigured by that which the
 men of Israel passed through, mentioned Exod. xiii. 21. and
 Exod. 22. and again by the Apostle to the church at Corinth. *More-
 over brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our
 fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all
 baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea*, 1 Cor. x. 1, 2. In
 that state he is humbled under the hand of the Lord, Baptized into his
 death; hurried with him in Baptism, Rom. vi. 3, 4. and he washes away
 his iniquity by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning, Isa. iv. 4.
 which judgeth, condemneth, and consumeth all evil that is found in
 the sinner, makes him a new creature, 2 Cor. v. 17. Or new man, which
 God is created in righteousness and true holiness, Eph. iv. 24. he shews
 the fruit of the Spirit, Gal. v. 22, 23. and is made able to adorn
 the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, Tit. ii. 10. Thus Jesus
 is magnified in his offices of High Priest and Minister of the Sanctu-
 ary, and of the true Tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man,
 Heb. viii. 1, 2. The Scriptures also are fulfilled, which say, that he
 shall be a Priest continually, Heb. vii. 3. and that he hath an unchangeable
 priesthood, Heb. vii. 24. But Priests who supposed themselves to be
 authorized by Episcopal ordination, have, in all ages of Christi-
 anity, been frequently dividing and subdividing into new parties, on ac-
 count of different opinions. When this has happened among those
 who had any dependence on Water Baptism, either its form or time,

3 Then joyful^f I will henceforth do,
 And suffer all thy will :
 My words^g and works^h shall likewise show^f
 God faves his people still.

(f) Heb. x. 34.

(g) Matt. xii. 37.

(h) Jam. iii. 17.

(i) Matt. v. 14, 15, 16.

and manner of using it, has mostly undergone some alteration. Some have made choice of a River; others have built Baptisteries or *Ternacles*, according to their *own wisdom*: Some use immersion dipping only once; some dip thrice: Some use the sign of the Cross, with oil, salt, chrism, spittle, &c.; others use the sign of Cross, and only sprinkle the face with water: Some baptize only at Easter and Whitsuntide; others at any season of the year: Some baptize only infants or such as were never baptized before, others baptize infants, and baptize when they profess to have received the Holy Ghost: Some think sponsors necessary; others entirely reject them, &c. &c. But *MIRRELINGS*, blinded by interest, or persons drunk with the prejudice of *Babylon's* education, can call this the direction of an *unchangeable Priesthood*! but such is the blindness of multitudes, that they either do not search the Scriptures for themselves, or else they dare not believe contrary to the Creed they have been taught; but it is not so much to be wondered at when we consider how early children's minds are poisoned by having false doctrines taught them. For as soon as they can be taught to read, they are taught to believe, either in the words or others to the same purpose, that Water Baptism "*is generally necessary to salvation*;" and to establish the belief of it, they farther add "*for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are born made the children of grace.*" But this is also another very dangerous fundamental error; for it supposes the sin committed by the *first man* to be greater than the free gift by the *second man*, which is the Lord Jesus Christ, 1 Cor. xv. 47. And the source of this error seems to have arisen from a wrong interpretation of Eph. ii. 3. the meaning of which is very obvious when compared with the rest of the passage; particularly with the 12th and following verses: It does not prove that we come into the world *children of wrath*, (the text says no such thing) but it was to work a conviction in the mind of the Ephesians, of the sad nature of that which was wrought into the mind of the Apostle Peter by the vision which he saw, Acts x. 9. &c. And sure this could not be done more to the purpose, than by letting them see, that *all had their conversation in times past in the lusts of their flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.* Even as the rest of mankind who have yielded to sin, whether *Jews* or *Gentiles*. For there is no more previous cause in any one, to bring them under a necessity of committing sin, than was in our *first parents*, when the serpent beguiled them, Gen. iii. 6, 7. For this reason none can be chargeable with any degree of sin whatever until they transgress against a known law; for where no law is, there is no transgression, Rom. iv. 15. Then doubtless the law of God was written upon the hearts of children, and they like the *Gentiles*, who

For this my spirit earnest cries,
 The blessing, Lord, impart :
 Praise then in songs¹ to thee shall rise,
 As incense from my heart.

(j) Psal. cxlvi. 2.

no outward law, do by nature the things contained in the law,
 ii. 14. And while they remain in this state, they are not guilty
 making the law that was given to *Adam*; neither by any breach
 at law given by *Moses*. For *Jesus* called a little child unto him, and
 in the midst of his disciples, and said, verily I say unto you, except ye
 turned, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom
 of heaven, Mat. xviii. 2, 3. None can reasonably suppose that this
 new born infant, for it is clear that it was a child grown capable
 understanding what our Lord said to it; consequently it was a
 free AGENT, having power either to obey or disobey;—but it was
 innocent, and because it had not yet transgressed the laws of its Maker,
 it, in this sinless state, in their presence, and shews them at
 that its nature was pure in every respect; and that their's, which
 had been defiled by sin, must be made so too, before they could enter
 the kingdom of heaven: But there is no mention made that ever
 it had been Baptized with water, either by Christ or his Disciples; or
 that any other change had passed upon it, previous to the call of our

How preposterous then to say that a new-born child has a di-
 vidual nature, which it derives from its first natural parents? It is
 in the plainest language (as before observed) that the ~~FARE~~
 by Jesus Christ was less meritorious of Divine favour, than
 that of our first parents was of Divine displeasure; and is quite
 contrary to the judgment of the Apostle Paul, who thus contradicts it:
 For, as by the offence of one judgment came upon ALL men to con-
 demnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon ALL
 men to justification of life, Rom. v. 18. If so, all men are born in a
 state of acceptance with God, and are as truly the “children of grace,”
 as possible to make them. Where then is the use of *Water*
 baptism? It is certain, that, like circumcision, it was once of real use,
 at the time which God had ordained it; but being included in the *Old*
covenant, it is now more than seventeen hundred years since it was abo-
 lished, and the veil done away in Christ, 2 Cor. iii. 14. by the glorious
 manifestation of the Spirit. For in that he saith, a new covenant, he
 made the first old. Now, that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready
 to pass away, Heb. viii. 13. And in the 10th verse of the next Chap-
 ter is again included among the ordinance of the first covenant, which
 was only in meats, and drinks, and divers WASHINGS, and carnal ordi-
 nances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. And this time of
 reformation was then come: For Jesus Christ the great High Priest
 and Mediator of the new covenant, had put away sin, by the sacrifice
 of himself; and sealed the new testament with his own blood. He,
 therefore, is become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that
 believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, THAT
 THE MAN WHICH DOETH THOSE THINGS SHALL LIVE BY

XIX.

For Inspiration and a due Preparation for Eternity.

- 1 **L**ORD, as my future state of bliss
Depends on present holiness^k,
O let thy Spirit, from above,
Inspire my heart with faith and love.
- 2 For now to thee I all resign,
Let not my will^l be done, but thine :
In this thy time^m work thy own way,
Thy great salvationⁿ to display.
- 3 Hence fear^o and sorrow^p will depart,
When Christ is formed^q in my heart ;
Faith then shall view the devil^r slain *,
And death^s with all his ghastly train,

(k) Heb. xii. 14. (l) Matt. vi. 10. (m) 2 Cor. vi. 2. (n) Let
77. (o) Rom. viii. 15. (p) Isa. xxxv. 10. (q) Gal. iv.
(r) Heb. ii. 14. (s) 1 Cor. xv. 26.

THEM. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, not in thine heart, who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above :) Or, who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh even in thy mouth, and in thy heart : that is, the word of faith which we preach ; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved, Rom. x. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Although this Apostle had been a Baptizer himself, he now excludes *Water Baptism* from the new covenant, and says, that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, Gal. ii. 16. and to shew that he had no mission to renew any part of the old covenant of works, positively declares the contrary : For Christ (says he) sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel. Surely then, if *Water Baptism* was "generally necessary to salvation," it could not have been separated from the Gospel, but must always have been preached as a necessary thing, along with faith in Jesus Christ. To do this would make the Apostle either to deny the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, or acknowledge two Baptisms ; and it is certain that he does neither : But according to the mission which he has received of the Lord Jesus Christ, he preached, *one Lord, one Faith, ONE BAPTISM*, Eph. iv. 5. and not a plurality of Baptisms.

* This passage is not intended to be understood to annihilate the person of the devil, but only his diabolical power, nature, and works.

prepared thus, I long to be,
 for time and for eternity :
 My soul doth on thy promise^s rest,
 since God^t is true, I shall be blest.

XX.

*Parable of the good Samaritan paraphrased by an
 ACTUAL SINNER, who considers himself in the same
 state with that CERTAIN MAN who fell among thieves.*

AM that certain ^u man which fell	8
Among the crafty thieves of hell	8
Who stript and wounded me, then fled,	8
Leaving my naked soul half dead.	8

Robbed of ev'ry thing that's good,
 They left me weltring in my blood:
 The Priest and Levite since pass'd by,
 Neither did my wants supply.

Me, O thou good SAMARITAN!
 Compassion shew to sinful man :
 Bind up my wounds, pour oil therein,
 And wine to cure the sores of sin.

Thy own beast the helpless lay,
 And to the friendly host convey ;
 Give him twopence, and undertake
 No further care return to make.

More on Aaron^v, or Levi,
 All I henceforth for help rely,
 Christ, my NEIGHBOUR in distress,
 All freely all my wants redress.

Luke i. 72.—1 John ii. 25. (t) Jer. x. 10.—1 John v. 20.
 Jer. x. 30, 35. (v) Heb. vii. 11, 12.

XXI.

The favour of the Lord is better than Life and every other thing.

- 1 **T**HY favour^w, Lord, I now implore,
 'Tis better^x far than life to me;
 And this one thing I covet more
 Than ought on earth^y that I can see.
- 2 What are the richest^z golden mines,
 Or produce of both sea and land,
 Were ev'ry thing that therein shines
 Left wholly now at my command?
- 3 And honour^a, if it's not of God,
 (Though all men should my name revere)
 Would only smite me as a rod,
 And make my torments more severe.
- 4 Nought but thy love^b can give relief,
 Or take the curse^c for sin away:
 'Tis this alone must ease from grief,
 And turn my midnight into day.
- 5 Then, Lord, thy loving kindness give
 With ev'ry trial that is sent:
 When favour'd thus, my soul shall live^d,
 And feel at all times true content^e.

XXII.

For sacred Light and Liberty.

- 1 **P**ROPITIOUS God, bestow on me
 Some token of thy love:
 Appear^f, in glorious Majesty,
 From thy bright throne above.

(w) Psal. xxx. v. (x) Psal. lxxiii. 3. (y) Col. iii. 1.
 (z) Prov. xxvii. 24. (a) John v. 44. (b) Rom. xiii. 1.
 (c) Gal. iii. 13. (d) John xiv. 19. (e) Phil. iv. 11. (f) Ps. cii. 1.

To manifest, what's true and right,
 Thy sacred light^s display,
 That I may walk with sweet delight
 In wisdom's^h pleasant way.

Perpetuate thy rays divine,—
 Their radiant force increase :
 For all the springs of healthⁱ are thine,
 And thou the source of peace^j.

With grace invigorate my mind,
 To think and speak of thee :
 I seek no other good to find ;
 The truth^k shall make me free.

XXIII.

An incessant desire for the Love of God.

NECESSANT for thy love I cry, 8
Thou fairer ^l than the sons of men : 8
My Advocate ^m , with God ⁿ most high ! 8
Let not my prayer return in vain. 8

But from *Mount Zion's*^o holy hill,
 The place where all thy glories^p shine)
 O God, reveal thy sacred will,
 And comfort this poor heart of mine.

With love my words and thoughts inspire ;
 Let living^q flames for ever rise
 From unextinguishable^r fire ;
 Thou light^r of men, thou God all-wise !

Then shall I perfect peace enjoy,
 When love^s possesses all my soul :
 This finally shall sin destroy,
 And live while endless ages roll.

ii. 1. John i. 4. (h) Prov. iii. 17. (i) Isa. lviii. 8. (j) Isa. xlv. 7.
 xiii. 1. John viii. 32. (l) Psal. xlv. 2. (m) 1 John ii. 1. (n) Psal. lvii. 2.
 f. cii. 1. Psal. xlviii. 2.—Rev. xiv. 1. (p) Psal. cii. 16. (q) Isa. vi. 6.
 Cant. viii. 7. (r) John i. 4. (s) 1 John iv. 15, 16, 17.

XXIV.

For a sure knowledge of Pardon.

- 1 **A**RISE, O God, come and make known
 Thy glorious^t majesty!
 And from thy bright effulgent throne,
 Display thy love to me.
- 2 My thirsty soul doth long and pant^u,
 For living^v streams to cheer;
 And thou hast ev'ry thing^w I want,
 To me, therefore, give ear.
- 3 Thy kind protection^x day and night,
 And guardian care I prove;
 But is not mercy^y thy delight,
 In whom I live^z and move?
- 4 Then ratify, confirm, and seal^a
 My pardon and my peace:
 Written in a white^b stone reveal
 My new name, and release.
- 5 For this my hopes immortal are,
 And till from sin set free,
 I'll wrestle^c, *Jacob*[†] like, in pray'r,
 And put my trust in thee.

XXV.

For Grace and Preservation.

- 1 **O** Thou great Parent of all good!
 Whose wise paternal love and care,
 Feeds ev'ry^d living thing with food,
 And dwellings for them doth prepare.
- 2 To thee I seek, to thee alone
 Grace (that immortal food) to find:
 Riches^e and honour I ask none,
 But thine^f, wherewith is peace of mind.

(t) Psal. xlv. 3, 4. (u) Psal. xlii. 1. (v) John vii. 37. 38.
 (w) Isa. xlv. 24. (x) Psal. xxxvi. 6. (y) Mic. vi. 8. (z) Acts xvii.
 28. (a) 2 Cor. i. 22. (b) Rev. ii. 17. (c) Gen. xxxii. 24, &c.
 (d) Psal. cxlv. 15, 16. (e) 1 Kings iii. 13. (f) Jam. iii. 17.

† See the note, page 10.

As half awake, I see in part
The riches of redeeming love^s;
Lord, quite unveil my eyes and heart,
To view, by faith, the things above.

Lo! corn^h and wine, and oil abounds,—
Therewith now let my soul be fed;
And not attend to emptyⁱ sounds,
Or be by false delusions^k led.

But make me wise^l, and strong^m to reap
The plenteousⁿ harvest now prepar'd;
And keep me waken^o, lest I sleep,
Without obtaining this reward.

XXVI.

Serious Reflections and Self-examination.

RISE, rise, for lo! the Lord is near^p! . . . 8
Let these dread words thrill thro' thine ear^q; 8
"I come^r! behold I quickly come, . . . 8
"With my reward, to seal thy doom!" . . . 8

Think thou art at the gates^f of death;
Should God's harbinger stop thy breath^s,
The righteous Judge would from his throne
Soon make his awful judgments known.

Ask, art thou fit for heav'n or no?
Or only for the gulph of wo^t?
And if thy sins are unforgiv'n,
Seek now to find the way to heav'n.

Thy Maker still in mercy waits^u,
And for thy good expostulates^v!
No more procrastinate away
Thy time, but instantly obey.

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(g) Rom. iii. 24. (h) Deut. xxxiii. 28. (i) Matt. xxiv. 23.
(k) Isa. lxvi. 4.—2 Thess. ii. 11. (l) Jam. i. 5. (m) Heb. xi. 34.
(n) Matt. ix. 37. (o) Prov. x. 5. (p) Isa. lv. 6. (q) Isa. i. 2.
(r) Rev. xxii. 7, 12, 20. (s) Psal. civ. 29.
(t) Rev. xxii. 11. (u) 2 Pet. iii. 9. (v) Ezek. xviii. 3, &c.

- 5 All blessings are his own to give,
 Who saith, "Ask, and ye shall receive^w;"
 And them the contrite heart may share,
 That asks aright in faith^x and pray'r.

XXVII.

Expostulatory Advice to the Soul.

- 1 **T**O-DAY should God's archangel^y come,
 And with the trumpet's fearful sound
 Call me to meet my final doom^z, . . .
 Prepar'd or not should I be found? . . .
- 2 My soul, 'tis now high^a time to try^b,
 And weigh this weighty matter here,—
 View Christ^c, as coming from on high,
 Before whom thou must soon appear.
- 3 Short^d and uncertain is thy stay,
 Ere long this mortal frame must die:
 The moments as they haste away,
 Say this tremendous day is nigh^e!
- 4 For truth^f therefore examine now;
 Let sin not time^g procrastinate:
 Think how thy sickening kindred bow,
 And what must be thy future state.
- 5 Shouldst thou mistake the way to bliss;
 Alas, alas, thou art undone!
 For those who here salvation miss,
 What he appoints, they cannot shun.
- 6 Then let nought draw, drive, or divert
 Thy thoughts from Christ, and things^h above;
 But pray in faith till God convert,
 And thee create anew in love.

(w) John xvi. 24.	(x) Matt. xxi. 22.	(y) 1 Thes. iii. 1.
(z) Matt. xxv. 46.	(a) Rom. xiii. 11.	(b) 2 Cor. xiii. 1.
(c) Matt. xxiv. 30.	(d) Job xiv. 1, 2.	(e) Joel ii. 1, &c.
(f) John xvi. 13.	(g) Heb. iii. 7, &c.	(h) Col. iii. 1, 2.

XXVIII.

Serious Reflections and Praying for Conversion.

BEFORE the awful judgment-seat, . . . 8
 Ere long I must appearⁱ: . . . 6
 The Judge of all the earth to meet, . . . 8
 Of him my doom to hear! . . . 6

And yet, how careless to this day
 Have I in sin rush'd on;
 Wasting my precious time away,
 Though life will soon be gone^k?

Diseases ev'ry moment wait,
 And death keeps stalking round:
 Should God by these now fix my fate,
 I own I'm guilty found.

What dread^l and horror would commence,
 Were I doom'd to that place;
 No wealth my loss^m could recompence
 Without the help of grace.

To bear the wrathⁿ of God most high,
 With devils^o I should dwell;
 Weep^p and bewail^q my misery,
 And gnash my teeth in hell.

Most dreadful thought!—tremendous God!
 My drowsy soul awake;
 Before I'm smitten^r with thy rod,
 In that infernal lake^r.

All things are possible^s to thee,
 And lo, I seek^t thy face:
 Lord, let my soul converted^u be,
 By thy redeeming grace.

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2 Cor. v. 10. (k) Jam. iv. 14. (l) Rev. vi. 16, 17.
 Mark viii. 36, 37. (n) Rev. xiv. 10, 11. (o) Matt. xxv. 41.
 Luke xiii. 28. (q) Matt. xiii. 42. (r) Isa. xi. 4.
 Rev. xxi. 8. (s) Matt. xix. 26. (t) 2 Chron. 7. 14.—
 xvii. 8, 9. (u) Matt. xviii. 3.

XXIX.

Solemn Reflections and Holy Admonition.

- 1 **W**HEN I arise^v and leave my tomb^w,
 I then shall awful scenes survey;
 The righteous^x Judge to judgment come^y,
 Clad^z with the terrors of that day!
- 2 Before him all^a men must appear,
 And I myself amongst the rest,
 Our doom from his own mouth to hear;
 “Depart^b, ye curs’d! or come, ye blest!”
- 3 To me no matter who proves clear,
 If I for sin be try’d and cast;
 For then tormenting^c guilt will tear
 My soul for what’s already past.
- 4 And vain my anxious cry would be,
 Should I to rocks^d and mountains call:
 For nought can hide or rescue me,
 If once God’s wrath upon me fall.
- 5 Then, O my soul! for heav’n inquire,
 And all thy crooked^e ways amend;
 So shall he grant thy heart’s desire^f,
 And crown^g thee with a glorious end.

XXX.

Exploration and Counsel.

- 1 **M**Y soul explore, thus meditate,
 Am I a child^h of God, or no?
 What must in future be my fate:
 A state of happiness or wo?

(v) 1 Thes. iv. 16. (w) John v. 28, 29. (x) Psal. xcvi.
 (y) Jude 14, 15. (z) Isa. lix. 17. (a) 2 Cor. v.
 (b) Matt. xxv. 34, 41. (c) Rev. xvi. 10, 11. (d) Rev. vi. 16.
 (e) Prov. ii. 15. (f) Psal. cxlv. 19.—Prov. x. 24. (g) 1 Pet. v.
 (h) John i. 12.—Rom. viii. 14.

I sinn'd and fell, am I restor'd?ⁱ
 Do I to sin a hatred^j feel?
 Am I converted^k to the Lord,
 Who doth the contrite^l sinner heal?

Am I renew'd^m in heart and mind,
 In all I think, and speak, and do?
 Do I loveⁿ God, and all mankind,
 And this by holy^o living show?

To these some answer thou must give;
 Canst thou appeal to God, and say,
 O Lord, thou know'st^p in thee I live;
 Thou art my^q portion ev'ry day?

Or hast thou yet this change not known,
 And liv'd in darkness^r to this hour?
 If so, seek now, that God may own^s,
 And save thee by his mighty^t pow'r.

XXXI.

*The Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence of
 God confessed, and his Mercy sought through the
 Mediation of Christ.*

TO God are all my secrets^u known, . . . 8
 Both what I think, and speak, and do; . . . 8
 What then shall hide me from his frown^v . . . 8
 Who my polluted^w soul doth view? . . . 8

Should I to earthly courts repair,
 And mount some monarch's stately throne^x,
 Guilt would be my companion there,
 Though I sought ease, I should find none.

And should I seek, to men deem'd wise^y,
 Much learn'd or of reputed fame:
 Alas! they only could advise,
 But never take away my shame.

C 3

(i) Isa. lviii. 12. (j) Jude 23. (k) Matt. xviii. 3. (l) Psal. xxxiv.
 18.—Isa. lxvi. 2. (m) Eph. iv. 23. (n) 1 John iv. 21.
 (o) 1 Pet. i. 15. (p) 2 Cor. xi. 31. (q) Lam. iii. 24
 (r) Prov. iv. 19. (s) Mal. iii. 17. (t) Eph. i. 19. (u) Psal. xlv.
 21.—Rom. ii. 16. (v) Isa. xxx. 27. (w) Jer. ii. 23. (x) Dan. v.
 20, 21. (y) 1 Cor. iii. 18, 19, 20.

- 4 If peace^y from solitude I seek,
And in some shady grove^z abide,
There nature's fading frame will speak,
And my ungodly folly chide.
- 5 From dark and lonesome caverns^a deep,
Should I relief expect to find;
This would but add more cause to weep^b,
And aggravate my troubled mind.
- 6 Or should I mount the morn's bright wings^c
And fly to earth's remotest bound,
To hide me from the King^d of kings!
No rest or ease could there be found.
- 7 Thy presence^e, Lord, I cannot shun,
Nor war^f with thine Omnipotence^g!
Where then for safety can I run,
Or who shall stand in my defence?
- 8 Since nought can hide^h my guilty head
From thy effulgent flamingⁱ eyes,
Thou awful Judge^k of quick and dead,
My sin before thee naked^l lies!
- 9 O that thou now would magnify^m
Thy mercy, and them all forgiveⁿ:
For thereon, I through Christ rely,
Who freely^o dy'd that I might live.
- 10 Be thou alone my hiding^p place,
My rock, my tower, and defence:
Thus sav'd from sin^q, and kept by grace^r,
There's none can ever pluck^s me thence.

(y) Ezek. vii. 25. (z) Isa. xvii. 8. (a) Isa. ii. 19. (b) Joel ii. 12.
(c) Psal. cxxxix. 7. (d) 1 Tim. vi. 15. (e) Psal. cxxxix. 7.
(f) 1 Sam. vi. 20. (g) Rev. xix. 6. (h) Jer. xxiii. 24.
(i) Rev. ii. 18. (j) Prov. v. 21.—xv. 23. (k) Acts x. 42.
(l) Heb. iv. 13. (m) Gen. xix. 19. (n) Psal. xxv. 11, 13.
(o) 1 Thes. v. 10. (p) Psal. xxxi. 2, 3.—xxxii. 7.—Prov. xviii.
10.—Isa. xxxii. 2.—xxxiii. 16. (q) Matt. i. 21. (r) 1 Pet. i. 5.
(s) John x. 28, 29.

XXXII.

*Confession of Perfidiously abusing Grace, with Prayer
for Faith and Salvation.*

- P**ERFIDIOUS heart^s, thy wretched^t case . . . 8
 God only can describe and tell: . . . 8
 For sinning and abusing grace, . . . 8
 Thy merit claims a place in hell^u. . . 8
- 2 Lord, does my sins, though vile and great,
 Exceed the measure of thy love^v;
 If not, for mercy I intreat
 My condemnation^w to remove.
- 3 In Jesus help me to believe,
 Who to redeem mankind was slain^x!
 Through him from guilt my soul retrieve,
 And let me pardon^y now obtain.
- 4 My mourning soul vouchsafe to cheer,
 And henceforth quicken^z me with grace,
 That I may to thy word adhere,
 And thy revealed will^a embrace.
- 5 Till I this^b great salvation prove,
 I for thy coming wait^c and pray:
 O look with pity from above,
 And love's forgiving^d pow'r display.

XXXIII.

Prayer and Penitential Sorrow.

- V**OUCHSAFE to hear and save^e me, Lord, . . . 8
 If I from sin may be restor'd, . . . 8
 For, conscious of my guilt, I cry, . . . 8
 To thee, the only source of good^f, . . . 8
 Christ did for my salvation die^g, . . . 8
 And freely spilt his precious^h blood! . . . 8

C 4

(s) Heb. iii. 12. (t) Rev. iii. 17. (u) Rev. xxi. 8. (v) John iii. 16.
 (w) John iii. 19. (x) Rev. v. 9, 12. (y) Jer. xxxiii. 8.
 (z) Psal. cxix. 25. (a) Eph. i. 9. (b) Heb. ii. 3. (c) Lam. iii. 25, 26.
 (d) 1 John i. 9. (e) Matt. i. 21. (f) Jam. i. 17.
 (g) Rom. v. 6, 8. (h) 1 Pet. i. 19.

- 2 If thereby I may find redress,
 O read with pityⁱ my distress;
 See all the troubles of my mind:
 Now for his sake^j my sins forgive;
 True peace^k and comfort^l let me find,
 And henceforth to thy glory live.

XXXIV.

For Pardon, and the Witness of the Holy Spirit.

- 1 **B**OW down thine ear, O Lord, to hear^m . . .
 A poor and needy sinner pray: . . .
 While I approachⁿ thy throne draw^o near, . . .
 And take^p, O take my sins away. . . .
 2 For now, above all other things,
 I ask for wisdom^q from above,
 With faith^r, that peace and comfort brings,
 And full^s assurance of thy love.
 3 Come, gracious Lord, and let me feel
 Thy Holy Spirit in my breast,
 To witness^t, and my pardon seal^u,
 That I may enter^v into rest.
 4 In grateful songs I'll then begin,
 Of my Redeemer's love^w to tell,
 Who sav'd on Ruin's brink from sin,
 And snatch'd me from the jaws of hell!

XXXV.

Prayer, as at the Pool of BETHESDA.

- 1 **A**S at Bethesda's^w pool I wait . . .
 Impotent, blind, and lame: . . .
 Lord, save me from this wretched state,
 Of misery and shame. . . .

(i) Isa. lxiii. 9. (j) 1 John ii. 12. (k) Rom. v. 1. (l) 2 Cor. i. 3, 4. (m) Psal. lxxxvi. 1. (n) Psal. lxxv. 4. (o) Jam. iv. 8. (p) 1 John iii. 5. (q) Jam. iii. 17. (r) Rom. v. 1. (s) Heb. x. 22. (s) Rom. viii. 16. (t) 2 Cor. i. 22. (u) Heb. iv. 3. (v) 1 John iii. 1. (w) John v. 2, &c.

- 2 For long I've lain, behold my case,
And help me to step in,
Into the *pool* of thy free^x grace,
There wash^y me from all sin.
- 3 Say, as of old, "Take up thy bed^z,
"Arise and walk upright,"
That I no more the curse^a may dread,
But in thy law^b delight.
- 4 All^c things are possible to thee,
In whom I now believe^d:
Set right whate'er is wrong in me,
My heart quite undeceive.

XXXVI.

Penitential Prayer for Favour and inward Transformation.

- 1 GREAT God^e! thou art^f most high, . . . 6
And holy^g, just^h, and true! . . . 6
Regard my penitential cry, . . . 8
Or sinⁱ will me undo. . . . 6
- 2 Except grace^j interfere
In my behalf to save;
Lo, I the wrath^k of God must bear.
In hell, beyond the grave.
- 3 Forsake^l me not, O Lord,
But pity^m my distress,
And let me be again restor'd,
Thy favourⁿ to possess.
- 4 Examine^o well, and prove
And try my reins and heart,
That all contrary to thy love,
For ever may depart.

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(x) Rom. iii. 24. (y) Eph. v. 26. (z) Matt. ix. 5, 6.
(a) Gal. iii. 10. (b) Psal. i. 2. (c) Mar. xiv. 36. (d) Mar. ix.
23, 24. (e) Deut. x. 17. (f) Psal. lvii. 2. (g) Lev. xix. 2.
(h) Deut. xxxii. 4. — Rev. xv. 3. (i) John viii. 21, 24.
(j) Eph. ii. 5, 8. (k) Rom. ii. 8. (l) Psal. xxxviii. 21.
(m) Isa. lxiii. 9. (n) Psal. xxx. 5. (o) Psal. xxvi. 2.

5 Be merciful^p, and shew
 This great salvation^q near;
 And all my soul transform anew,
 To serve thee without fear^r.

XXXVII.

EPHRAIM's acceptance alluded to in Prayer.

- 1 **T**O thee, the living^f God, I cry 8
 For succour and redress; 6
 Sure thou who ravens^s doth supply, 8
 Wilt mourning^t sinners blest. 6
- 2 Like *Ephraim*^u I bemoan my case,
 In secret day and night:
 Through Jesus let me now find^v grace
 And favour in thy fight.
- 3 Still say, "Is *Ephraim* my dear son^w?
 Is he a pleasant child?
 I spake against what he had done,
 But since am reconcil'd."
- 4 Thus satisfy my weary soul
 With thy forgiving^x love,
 And stay these waves of guilt that roll
 By mercy from above.
- 5 Then will I with thy children sing,
 And to *Mount*^y *Zion* haste,
 To praise the Lord, my God^z and King,
 For what I feel and taste.

XXXVIII.

For a sure Knowledge of God.

- 1 **L**AMB^a of God, for sinners slain^b, 7
 Wash away sin's scarlet^c stain; 7
 All its crimson hue remove 7
 By the sov'reign pow'r of love. 7

(p) Jer. iii. 12. (q) Isa. lvi. 1. (r) 1 John iv. 18. (f) Psal xlii. 2
 —lxxxiv. 2. (s) Job xxxviii. 41. (t) Matt. v. 4. (u) Jer. xxxi. 18.
 (v) Acts xv. 11. (w) Jer. xxxi. 20. (x) Ex. xxxiv. 7.
 (y) Psal. xlviii. 2.—Heb. xii. 22. (z) Psal. lxxiv. 12. (a) John 3
 29, 36. (b) Rev. v. 12.—xiii. 8. (c) Isa. i. 18.

2 Something cheers me from on high;
Surely thou art drawing nigh!
Jesus, full of truth^d and grace,
Shew thy reconciled face.

3 WITNESS^e to the truth divine,
Ascertain that I am thine;
And from wisdom's^f pleasant way
Never let me err or stray.

4 Should thy servant be revil'd,
Keep me humble, meek, and mild;
Or if try'd with worldly loss,
May I joyful^g bear the cross.

5 Thus hell's base designs defeat,
And in me thy work complete^h,
That I spotlessⁱ may be found
When the last^j great trump shall sound.

XXXIX.

Hope encouraged, and Faith exercised in Prayer.

1 **W**HY^k, oh! my soul, art thou cast down? 8
What troubles now assail? 6
Thou can't endure thy Maker's frown, 8
But can his mercy fail? 6

2 Nay, hope in God, for he will yet
Thee from thy sorrows raise,
And make thy bitter waters sweet,
That thou may sing his praise.

3 O God, appear^l, arise, and shine,
My soul with comfort blest:
Wilt thou forget^m a child of thine,
O'erwhelm'd in great distress?

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(d) John i. 14. (e) Rev. i. 5. (f) Prov. iii. 17. (g) Heb. x. 34.
(h) Col. iv. 12. (i) Eph. v. 27. (j) 1 Cor. xv. 52. (k) Psal. xlii.
5, &c. (l) Psal. cii. 13, 16. (m) Isa. xlix. 15, 16.

- 4 It cannot be while thou art God ;
 God can't himself denyⁿ !
 Thou mayst chastise^o me with thy rod,
 But wilt not let me die.
- 5 Send forth thy light^p and truth, O Lord,
 To guard me from all ill,
 That I may understand^q thy word,
 And do thy righteous will.
- 6 Shew that thou but rebukes^r in love,
 And hast my sins^s forgiv'n,
 That I'm an heir^s with Christ above,
 To all the joys of heav'n.

XL.

To be Quickened, Pardoned, and made Fruitful.

- 1 **Q**UICKEN^t me, thou quick'ning^u Spirit! 8
 Slothfulness and sin remove; . . . 7
 Gladly would I now inherit^v . . . 8
 Wisdom that comes from above^w : . . . 7
 Pure and gentle, . . . 4
 Full of mercy, and of love. . . 7
- 2 Make me, in primeval beauty,
 To become a little^x child ;
 Innocent in ev'ry duty,
 Holy, harmless^y, undefil'd :
 To my Maker,
 Through Christ Jesus reconcil'd^z.
- 3 Like the teeming vines of *Eshcol*^a,
 Or the vales which shout^b and sing,
 May my fruit the true^c VINE extol,
 And eternal praises bring
 To my Saviour^d,
 Who disarms death of his sting^e.

(n) 2 Tim. ii. 13. (o) Heb. xii. 6, 7, 8. (p) Psal. xliii. 3.
 (q) Psal. cxix 34. (r) Psal. vi. 1. (s) 1 John ii. 12. (t) Rom. viii.
 17. (u) Psal. cxix. 88. (v) 1 Cor. xv. 45. (w) Col. i. 12.
 (x) Col. iii. 1, 2.—Jam. iii. 17. (y) Mar. x. 15. (z) Phil. ii. 15.
 (a) Rom. v. 10. (b) Num. xiii. 23, 24. (c) Psal. lxxv. 13.
 (d) John xv. 1, &c. (e) John iv. 42. (f) 1 Cor. xv. 55, 56, 57.

XLI.

Encouragement to believe for Salvation.

- 1 **M**Y soul, return unto thy rest^r; 8
 The Lord with thee hath kindly dealt, 8
 His love is clearly manifest^r, 8
 Which thou so many times hath felt^h: 8
 No longer then his Spirit grieveⁱ, 8
 But grace^j through faith in Christ receive. 8
- 2 Review the wonders faith^k hath done
 To *Abra'm's*^l seed in ages past:
 See through what hardships some have gone,
 While they on God their care did cast;
 Scourg'd, fawn asunder, tempted, slain,
 And yet unshaken did remain!
- 3 Remember all his works of old^m,
 What wondersⁿ he for *Israel* wrought:
Pharaoh God's people could not hold^o,
 But them he out of bondage brought!
 Believe, and thou^p shalt also prove
 As great a change wrought by his^q love.

XLII.

A Paraphrase of the experience of HEZEKIAH, King of JUDAH.

- 1 **L**IKE to a crane^r or swallow I 8
 Did chatter, or mourn like a dove; 8
 But thou, Lord, heard me from on high, 8
 And all my sorrow did remove. 8
- 2 Behold, for peace, from sin, I had
 Great bitterness and grief of mind:
 None else but Christ^r could make me glad,
 Through whom I now salvation find.

(f) Psal. cxvi. 7. (g) 1 John iv. 9. (h) 1 Cor. xii. 7.
 (i) Eph. iv. 30. (j) Eph. ii. 8. (k) Heb. xi. (l) Gal. iii. 16.
 (m) Isa. lxiii. 11. (n) Exod. iii. 20. (o) Exod. xiv. 28, 29, 30.
 (p) Mar. ix. 23. (q) 1 John iv. 12. (r) Isa. xxxviii.
 14, 17, 18, 19. (s) Acts iv. 12.

- 3 My countless sins behind thy back,
 Into oblivion thou hast cast;
 And I no good thing now can lack,
 But thee will thank for favours past.
- 4 For, lo, the grave can't give thee praise;
 Death cannot celebrate thy worth:
 Hopeless corruption ne'er can raise
 Thy truth, or set thy glory forth.
- 5 The living man, the living he,
 Shall praise thee, as I do this day;
 And parents to posterity,
 Successively thy praise display.

XLIII.

*Praise for Redemption; Prayer for Preservation, and
 an increase of Grace.*

- 1 **F**OR thy free^s grace and boundless love^t,
 O Lord, I will thy praise proclaim,
 Who heard and answer'd from above,
 And me redeem'd from guilt and shame.
- 2 But, lo, I'm weak in ev'ry part,
 And still expos'd to death I lie;
 Shouldst thou one moment leave my heart,
 I instantly should sin and die.
- 3 For Satan rages to devour^u
 And make my new-born soul his prey;
 Then Lord, shew forth thy mighty pow'r,
 Lest he thine helpless infant slay.
- 4 Close in thy bosom^v let me hide,
 And be with milk^w and manna^x fed;
 There keep me free from sin and pride,
 In peace^y and safety without dread.

(s) Rom. iii. 24. (t) 1 John iii. 1. (u) 1 Pet. v. 8.
 (v) Isa. xl. 11. (w) 1 Pet. ii. 2. (x) Rev. ii. 17. (y) Isa. xxvi. 3.

And while a babe or suckling child,
Out of my mouth, perfect thy praise;
And let me be no more defil'd,
But blameless serve thee all my days.

XLIV.

Joy arising from a sensibility of the New Birth.

BORN of thy Spirit^a from above, 8
Thou Sav'our^a of mankind, 6
And in possession of thy love^b, 8
I hidden treasure^c find. 6

My heavy burden^d is remov'd,
Wherewith I was oppress'd,
And of my God, in Christ belov'd,
I now have peace^e and rest.

No slavish fear^f, no guilt^g for sin
Can grieve or trouble me;
My bonds^h are loos'd, and within
I walk at libertyⁱ.

My soul, therefore, in God rejoice,
As angels^j do above:
For ever praise with heart and voice
The God of truth and love!

XLV.

*For Grace to withstand, and finally to overcome the
Temptations of the Devil.*

ALmighty God^k! behold how weak^l 8
A new-born^m child of grace doth lie, . 8
And strengthen me thy praiseⁿ to speak, . 8
That I thy name may glorify. 8

(a) John iii. 5, 8. (a) 1 Tim. iv. 10. (b) 2 Tim. i. 7.
(c) 2 Cor. iv. 6, 7. — Col. ii. 2, 3. (d) Psal. xxxviii. 4.
Eph. ii. 14. (f) 1 John iv. 18. (g) Rom. viii. 1.
Luke xiii. 16. (i) 2 Cor. iii. 17. (j) Rev. v. 11, &c.
Gen. xvii. 1. (l) 2 Cor. xiii. 4. (m) 1 Pet. ii. 2.
Matt. xxi. 16.

- 2 To the *Destroyer*^o of mankind
 Don't let me ever fall a prey^p;
 But that eternal refuge^q find,
 Where nought can take my life away.
- 3 Whatever Satan^r may devise,
 O let him not thy servant cheat;
 But with true wisdom^r make me wise,
 To shun his flatteries^r and deceit^t.
- 4 And should he rage^u, Lord, save me still;
 The sword^v of thy own Spirit give,
 And faith the shield invincible,
 That I may overcome^w and live.
- 5 Great CAPTAIN^x of salvation hear,
 And grace^y sufficient let me prove,
 In holiness^z to persevere^a,
 Till crown'd^b with victory above.
- 6 Lo, in thine Omnipotence^c,
 (Whose hand hath me and all things made^d)
 I rest for safety^e and defence^f:
 Of whom then shall I be afraid^g?

XLVI.

*Praise to the Chief SHEPHERD for his goodness to
 lost Sheep.*

- 1 **C**HIEF SHEPHERD^h, thou thy lambs dost bear;
 They in thy bosomⁱ rest:
 For which thy goodness I'll declare,
 Who hath a wand're'r^j blest.
- 2 When I had strayed from thy fold^k,
 Far from the shady^l rock,
 On thy lost^m sheep thou didst lay hold,
 And brought me to thy flockⁿ.

- (o) 1 Cor. x. 10. (p) Ezek. xxxiv. 22, 23. (q) Deut. xxxiii. 9.
 (r) 2 Cor. ii. 11. (s) Col. i. 9. (t) Dan. xi. 32, 33.
 (u) Rev. xix. 20. (v) 1 Pet. v. 8. (w) Eph. vi. 11, 12.
 (x) Rev. xxi. 7. (y) Heb. ii. 10. (z) 2 Cor. xii. 9.
 (a) Heb. xii. 10, 14. (b) Eph. vi. 18. (c) Rev. ii. 26.
 (d) Rev. xix. 6. (e) Acts xvii. 24. (f) Prov. xxi. 1.
 (g) Isa. xxxiii. 16. (h) Isa. xii. 2. (i) 1 Pet. v. 4. (j) Isa. xl. 3.
 (k) Ezek. xxxiv. 6, &c. (l) John x. 16. (m) Isa. xxxiii. 24.
 (n) Matt. x. 6. (o) Isa. lx. 7.

With care thou now my soul dost lead^o,
 In plenty to solace;
 Where I on verdant herbage feed,
 And drink^p pure streams^q of grace.

Whenever real danger's near,
 Thy rod^r and staff I feel;
 I know thy voice^f, and it doth hear,
 Which comfort doth reveal.

From wolves and ev'ry beast of prey,
 Thy watchful eye doth keep:
 Thou dost not suffer them to slay
 Or rob thee of thy sheep.

Thy flock at noon^s from heat^t doth lie
 Secure beneath thy shade;
 And none can ever faint^u or die^v
 Who trust^w in thee for aid.

Thy name I'll praise (while thus reclin'd)
 For thy abiding^x love:
 At last, great SHEPHERD^y, let me find
 My lot^z with thee above.

XLVII.

Praise to GOD for bestowing undeserved Favours.

THEE will I praise, my God^a and King, 8
 And spread thy fame abroad: 6
 Of all thine attributes^b I'll sing, 8
 Who grace on me bestow'd. 6

Thy all-redeeming^c pow'r hath rais'd
 My soul from Ruin's brink;
 While sin abounded, mercy blaz'd,
 When ready just to sink.

(o) Psal. xxiii. 2, 3. (p) 1 Cor. x. 4. (q) Isa. xxxv. 6.
 (r) Psal. xxiii. 4. (f) John x. 4, &c. (s) Cant. i. 7. (t) Isa. xxv.
 5. (u) Isa. xl. 29, 31. (v) John vi. 50, 51. (w) Psal. cxxv. 1.
 (x) 1 John iii. 24. (y) Heb. xiii. 20. (z) Dan. xii. 13.
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- 3 Of all the creatures thou hast made,
None more deserv'd to die;
But on the Mighty^d help was laid,
Who came^e down from on high!
- 4 Lo, how propitious^f to the vile,
Words can't enough express,
That Christ^g should die to reconcile,
And me with pardon^h bless!
- 5 Beyond compareⁱ, thy works of love:
No parallel can meet!
For which, when time^j shall cease to move,
I'll still thy praise repeat.
- 6 In songs of loud applause to thee
I'll raise my heart and voice;
Give thanks through all eternity,
And in thy love rejoice.

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*The Lord exalted in shewing Mercy through the Blood
of Christ.*

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Most dread^l Sov'reign, true and just;
Ev'ry work of thine is right,
By whose aid secure I trust:
Thou art *Israel's*^m God and mine;
Endless praise from all be thine!
- 2 Christ, in loveⁿ to my poor soul,
Hath redeem'd^o it by his blood;
And from sin hath made me whole^p,
When condemn'd I guilty stood!
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Myself by my own righteousness ^r ,	8
Which did plainly testify	7
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 And thought myself secure^s ;
 But conviction^t did me sieze,
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 From Sinai^v it did flame,
 And set its terrors^w in array !
 Then I blush'd with guilt and shame,
 And in confusion lay.

Till that time, I sought to screen
 My faults, which since I own ;
 Yet in love^x thou hast me seen,
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 —Dan. ix. 24. (t) Job viii. 9. —Rom. vii. 5, &c. —Jam. ii. 10.
 —Rev. vi. 17. (v) Deut. xxxiii. 2. (w) Job vi. 4.

Now thou knows I love thee, Lord,
 But 'tis because^y thou lovedst me:
 By thy grace I am restor'd,
 And set at liberty!

4 Free from guilt, which threat'ned death,
 And base unhallow'd fears^z;
 Lo, I worship thee in faith,
 Who dry'd up all my tears:
 'Twas not^a done for ought of mine,
 Which I did do, or might have done;
 No, the work is wholly thine,^b
 Wrought^c by thy only Son!

5 O that I may not abuse
 Thy gifts or boundless grace,
 But my time and talents use
 In setting forth thy praise:
 Help me, Lord, where e'er I be,
 That I may thy great name adore;
 Die^d, to live again in thee,
 When time shall be no more.

L.

MORNING DEVOTION.

The first thoughts of the Day devoted to Praise and Prayer

1 **M**Y earliest thoughts this morning, Lord,
 I do devote to thee;
 Who me from bondage^e hath restor'd
 To sacred liberty^f.

2 Thy glorious presence, while I slept,
 From all that might alarm
 Or take my life, thy hand hath kept,
 That nothing did me harm.

(y) 1 John iv. 19. (z) Rom. viii. 15.—1 John iv.
 (a) Eph. ii. 8, 9. (b) John vi. 44.—xv. 5. (c) Eph. i.
 ii. 10, 22. (d) Rom. xiv. 8. (e) Gal. iv. 3, 7. (f) Gal. v.

Of thy great love, and watchful care,
Most gladly I will tell;
And for the world to come prepare,
That I with thee may dwell.

For thou has made me to rejoice,
And lengthen'd out my days;
I'll therefore raise my heart and voice,
To celebrate thy praise.

Lo, when night comes, before I rest
Thy favours I'll review;
And ev'ry day while I'm so blest,
My theme again renew.

But lest I sin, Lord, let thy grace
Preserve and quicken^s me,
Till I unveil'd^h thy smiling face,
In endless glory see!

LI.

MORNING DEVOTION.

*Praise flowing from a grateful Heart, and Prayer for
continued blessings.*

A WAKING out of sleep, 6
To grateful thoughts I'm led; 6
And thee will praise, who safe did keep 8
Me while I slept in bed. 6

Around me, as I lay,
O Lord, thy angels stoodⁱ:
thy goodness likewise through the day
For me provided food^j.

Hence I still cast my care
On thee, O thou most^k High!
help me, while I these blessings share,
Thy name to glorify.

(g) Rom. viii. 11. (h) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.—xv. 53. (i) Heb. i. 14.
(j) Psal. cxlv. 16. (k) Psal. l. 14.

4 My love much more increase
To thee and all mankind,
That I true joy and lasting peace
In ev'ry state may find.

5 That with my latest breath
I may thy praise declare;
And in thy kingdom, after death,
A crown^l of glory wear.

LII.

EVENING DEVOTION.

*Praise and Prayer to God, and confidence that he
will keep what is committed to him from Evil.*

1 **G**LORY to God alone,
Who brings the hour of rest:
Another day is gone,
Wherein I have been blest:
Thy tender love and watchful care
Did me preserve and kindly spare.

2 Raiment and needful food
Thy goodness doth provide:
My lawful wants with good,
Are ev'ry one supply'd:
Sufficient praise, O who can give?
To Christ, through whom so blest I live.

3 Under thy gracious wings^m
I'll now lay down to sleep:
Greatⁿ God! thou King^o of kings!
From evil safely keep:
For I commit my all to thee,
My keeper^p thou shalt always be.

(l) 1 Pet. v. 4.
(o) 1 Tim. vi. 16.

(m) Psal. xxxvi. 7.
(p) Psal. cxxi. 5.

(n) Deut. x. 17.

LIII

EVENING DEVOTION.

*Praise for Blessings received, and Prayer for an end
crowned with Glory and Immortality.*

WITH heart and voice I'll praise thy name, 8
O Lord, my God^a and King! . . . 6
And gladly will thy love proclaim, . . . 8
Who did salvation^r bring. . . . 6

How wondrous great through all my life
Have I thy mercy prov'd!
When hurry'd on in sin and strife,
To me thy pity mov'd!

From bondage^s into liberty
Thou hast a sinner brought;
And fully hath convinced me
Thy pow'r^t this change hath wrought.

Hence, ev'ry morning when I wake,
I love thee more and more:
Lord, lest I should thy way forsake,
I do thy aid implore.

That all day long my cheerful mind
May heavenward aspire:
Let me thy holy^u Spirit find
While I to rest retire.

In peace^v, to sleep I'll lay me down,
And dwell repos'd in thee:
Do thou my end with glory^w crown
And immortality^x.

^a) Psal. cxlv. 1. (r) Psal. xcvi. 2. (s) Gal. v. 1. (t) 2 Tim. i. 7.
Luke xi. 13. (v) Psal. iv. 8. (w) 1 Pet. v. 4.—Rev. ii. 10.
Rom. ii. 7.—1 Cor. xv. 53, 54.

LIV.

Thanksgiving.

- 1 **A**RISE, my soul, thy Maker praise,
Who lengthens* out on earth my days;
And, Lord, do thou regard me now,
For lo, to thee my soul I bow.
- 2 I thank thee for my being here,
For food, and for the clothes I wear;
For health join'd with tranquillity,
And these glad days which now I see.
- 3 I thank thee for my Saviour's love,^r
Who dy'd that I his grace might prove;
And for the gift of faith divine,
With an assurance I am thine.
- 4 I thank thee for thy Spirit's^a seal,
The blest impression which I feel;
And for the signature^a I bear,
Which me secures from slavish fear.
- 5 I thank thee for thy promise^b sure,
Which thou hast made to all the pure,
That they shall see thy face above,—
This sight ere long I hope to prove!

LV.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

Aderation, Praise, and Prayer.

- 1 **T**HOU AUTHOR^c of my days,
And kind Preserver here;
While I review my ways,
I thy great name revere:
For though I've most unworthy been,
I now *another year* have seen!

(y) Gal. ii. 20. (z) 2 Cor. i. 22. (a) 2 Tim. i. 7. (b) Matt.
(c) Isa. xlv. 12.—John i. 1, 3.—Col. i. 16.

* I was born at Rotherhithe, in the suburbs of London, on the day of the 3d month, 1753; and when I arrived at about 32 years of age (after recovering from a long and dangerous illness) I composed this Thanksgiving on my own BIRTH-DAY.

I can't enough adore,
 Or magnify thy love,
 Who did my cause^d explore,
 And sorrows^e all remove ;
 As soon as I in faith^f did pray,
 Thou heard and took my sins away,

Amazing love^g indeed !
 Since these were all forgiv'n,
 This world doth quite recede
 By the approach of heav'n^h ;
 The joyⁱ of which has seiz'd my breast,
 Accompanied with peace and rest.

And lo, through Jesu's blood,
 How richly I'm supply'd^j ;
 Thy hand sufficient food,
 With raiment, doth provide :
 All things in one combine to raise
 My heart in grateful songs of praise.

I'll therefore praise thy name
 For what's already done :
 Lord, still inspire my frame,
 The way of sin to shun ;
 And to perpetuate my peace,
 My faith abundantly increase.

O make my love expand
 Aright to all mankind ;
 And in obedience stand
 To thy great will resign'd,—
 That I the fiery test may bide,
 As gold^k when in the furnace try'd.

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d) John xii. 27.—Heb. ix. 15. (e) Isa. liii. 4. (f) Matt. xxi. 22.
 Rom. v. 8. (h) Matt. vi. 21. (i) Gal. v. 22. (j) Matt. vi. 33.
 Mal. iii. 3.

LVI.

On Thought.

- 1 **A** LAS! when busy thought^l
 Will muse on worthless things,
 Its product is far worse than nought;
 It deadly sorrow^m brings.
- 2 Base worldly thoughts procure
 Distress where'er they be;
 And doth the curseⁿ of God insure
 In wo and misery.
- 3 But thought^o inspired to love
 Jesus, the sinner's FRIEND^p,
 Doth contemplate on things^q above,
 Where joy can never end!
- 4 It flies through ev'ry clime,
 Through heav'n^r, and earth, and hell,
 And goes beyond the bounds of time
 In other worlds to dwell!
- 5 Its, like its AUTHOR^r, pure,
 Of an eternal^s frame;
 And as himself it will endure^t
 For ever still the same.
- 6 My soul ascend on high,
 And view the things above;
 There God will truly satisfy^u
 And fill thee with his love!

(l) Prov. xv. 26.—Rom. ii. 15. (m) 2 Cor. vii.
 (n) Isa. lix. 7, 8.—Matt. xxv. 41. (o) Prov. xii. 5.—Mal. ii.
 —2 Cor. v. 14. (p) Prov. xviii. 24. (q) Eph. iii. 17, ---
 Col. iii. 1, 2. (r) Psal. viii. 3.—lxxvii. 12.—cxix. 97, 98
 cxxxix. 2, 8, 9. (s) 1 John iii. 3. (t) John xvii. 15.
 (u) Dan. vii. 18. (v) Psal. cvii. 9.

LVII.

*For the same Spirit to interpret the Scriptures which
inspired the ancient SEERS who wrote them.*

O Thou great FOUNTAIN^v of all blifs! . . . 8
From whence unerring wisdom^w springs, 8
Teach me lest I should read amifs, . . . 8
Or wrong interpret sacred things. . . . 8

The Spirit that inspir'd thy seers^x,
When they the holy Scriptures wrote,
And rais'd^y their minds above all fears
Of kings or mighty men of note.

To me this blessed Spirit give,
Their meaning rightly to explain,
That I may understand and live,
And in my heart the truth retain.

Here with thy finger^z write thy law,
Thine own eternal law^a of love;
And into closest union draw
My soul, from thee no more to move.

Fully, by pure unfullied light^b,
Make manifest thy perfect^c will,
And help me, Lord, with all my might,
The same for ever to fulfil.

LVIII.

For a right understanding of the Scriptures.

INFALLIBLE Lord, 5
Explain thy own word, 5
Which is in the Scriptures, still left on record. 11

For there is enroll'd
Thy wonders^d of old,—
Law^e and the gospel, their meaning unfold.

D 2

Jer. ii. 13.—Zech. xiii. 1. (w) Prov. ii. 6.—Jam. i. 5.
Tim. iii. 16.—2 Pet. i. 21. (y) Jer. i. 8, 17.—Dan. iii.
7, 18. (z) Exod. xxxi. 18. (a) Jer. xxxi. 38.
Cor. iv. 6. (c) Rom. xii. 2. (d) Psal. lxxvii. 17.
John i. 17.

- 3 While therein I seek,
Great God do thou speak^f,
And every seal^g from thy book do thou break.
- 4 Shine^h brighter than day,
Chase error away,
The truthⁱ, as in Jesus, at all times display.
- 5 That knowledge and peace.
May thereby increase,
Till wholly from sin^j I obtain a release.
- 6 Make perfect^k in love,
And then, Lord, remove
My soul to the mansions^l of glory above!

LIX.

To be enlightened and made fruitful.

- 1 **O** SUN^m of righteousness arise
With healing virtue in thy wings:
Thy beams illuminate the skies,
Earth, and all terrestrial things;
They warm, and cheer, and fructify,
And richly nature's wants supply.
- 2 Then let the sacred light appear,
And truth shineⁿ to the perfect day:
Fruit^o to thy glory make me bear,
Whate'er befalls me in thy way,—
That love^p, and joy, and peace divine,
May flourish in this soul of mine.
- 3 When thus adorn'd, preserve me still,
More like thyself I want to grow,
A perfect^q measure to fulfil,
According to my state below;
And when complete^r in Christ I stand,
Remove me, Lord, to thy right hand.

(f) Matt. x. 20. (g) Isa. xxix. 11.—Rev. v. 1, 5. (h) 2 Cor.
(i) Eph. iv. 21. (j) Rom. vi. 14. (k) Matt. v. 48.—Col.
—iv. 12. (l) John xiv. 2, 3. (m) Mal. iv. 2. (n) Prov.
(o) John xv. 8. (p) Gal. v. 22. (q) Eph. iv. 13. (r) Col.

LX.

For the Mind to be Enlightened and made Virtuous.

THOU SUN of righteousness, 6
 With healing in thy wings, 6
 Give life, and cause thy light^s to bless, 8
 And shew the state of things. 6

Warm my cold frozen heart
 With thy bright beams of love;
 And let it never more depart,
 Or from my soul remove.

Lord, with refining^t fire,
 Consume what's wrong in me;
 My mind with virtuous thoughts inspire,
 And faith^u to trust in thee.

So shall it be my meat^v
 To do my Maker's will^w;
 Like the angels round thy seat,
 My duty will fulfil.

When all thy will is mine
 My constant song shall be^x
 Praise and dominion, Lord, be thine
 Through all eternity.

LXI.

For Divine Love.

HOLY God^y, I ask of thee, 7
 Love the bond of unity; 7
 Boundless free and unconfined 7
 To my foes and all mankind. 7

D 3

Mal. iv. 2. (s) Psal. xliii. 3. (t) Mal. iii. 2, 3.
 Eph. ii. 8. (v) John iv. 34. (w) Matt. vi. 10. (x) 1 Pet. iv. 11.
 Josh. xxiv. 19.—1 Sam. vi. 20.—Psal. xcix. 9.—Isa. xliii. 3.

- 2 Lend, O lend, a gracious ear,
Let me feel that thou art near;
Make the streams of heav'nly love
Flow down freely from above.
- 3 Throughout life thy grace bestow—
Make me in thine image^a grow,
Till in holiness complete^b
I'm prepar'd my Judge^c to meet.
- 4 Then, in thy own time and way,
Take the veil^d of flesh away;
And for ever make me thine,
All immortal^e and diyine.

LXII.

*For sundry Graces to prepare the Soul for the time
Trial.*

- 1 **L**ORD grant me patience to endure,
While I pass through the purging^f fire;
Destroy whatever is impure,
For thou dost holiness^g require.
- 2 Be thou my hope^h for joy and peace,
My rockⁱ, my fortress, and my tow'r,
As is my day, my strength^j increase
To stand in ev'ry trying hour.
- 3 O let the meek^k and lowly mind
Of Jesus Christ be form'd in me,
That I may always be resign'd
To bear^l my cross and follow thee.
- 4 Should outward persecution rise,—
May I not murmur or complain,
But look by faith above the skies,
And run^m till I the crown obtain.

(z) Isa. lv. 6.—Jam. iv. 8. (a) Rom. viii. 29. (b) Col. iii. 10.
(c) 2 Tim. iv. 8. (d) Heb. x. 20. (e) 1 Cor. xv. 53.
(f) Mal. iii. 3.—1 Pet. iv. 12. (g) Heb. xii. 14. (h) Psal. xxxix.
—Heb. vii. 19. (i) 2 Sam. xxii. 2, 3. (j) 2 Cor. xii. 12.
(k) Matt. xxi. 5.—1 Pet. iii. 4. (l) Luke xiv. 27. (m) 1 Cor.
24, 25, 26.—Heb. xii. 1.

May all my hopesⁿ immortal be,
That I may die in peace, and prove
Salvation only^o is from thee,
And thou eternally art LOVE^p.

LXIII.

The Christian encouraging his Soul to rely on God.

ON God alone my soul rely 8
In all thy trials^q here: 6
His grace shall thee with strength supply 8
Therein to persevere. 6

What thou canst want^r his goodness hath,
Who waits the same to give;
And in proportion to thy faith^r
Thereof thou shalt receive.

Doubt no more, and thou shalt find
The greatness of his love:
Shall here enjoy a godlike mind^s,
Then reign^t with him above.

LXIV.

Reflecting on the Sufferings of Christ, and a call to imitate Him.

LORD, if thou sees it good for me, 8
That I should in this world^u be try'd, 8
My trials^v shall sure blessings be, 8
For in thy mercy I confide. 8

If troubles crowd the heav'nly road,
Why should I murmur or complain?
Christ bore^w my sins (that heavy load)
With much excruciating pain!

D 4

Col. iii. 1. Rom. viii. 24.—Col. i. 27. (o) Isa. xliii. 11.—Luke i. 7.—Acts iv. 12. (p) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (q) Heb. xi. 36.—
i. 12.—1 Pet. i. 7.—iv. 12. (r) Psal. xxxiv. 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19.
Matt. xv. 28.—xxi. 21, 22. (s) 1 Cor. ii. 16.—Phil. ii. 5.
Tim. ii. 12. (u) John xvi. 33. (v) Rom. v. 3, 4, 5.—
i. 7. (w) 1 Pet. ii. 24.

- 3 Yes, Saviour, thou did undertake
To save poor guilty souls from hell;
And didst thyself an off'ring^x make,
For me and all mankind who fell.
- 4 That justice^y might be satisfy'd
Thou suffer'd on the cursed^z tree;
There freely for the whole^a world dy'd,
That from the curse all^b might be free!
- 5 My soul, look on thy Saviour still,
Like him when suffer'ing meekly^c stand:
Thus do, and suffer all God's will,
Till plac'd secure at his right hand.
- 6 So shalt thou with the saints above,
And all the glorified throng,
Sing of the wonders of his love
The new^d and everlasting^e song!

LXV.

When in perils among false Brethren.

- 1 I'LL cast my burden^f on the Lord, . . .
Who will my feeble soul sustain: . . .
He gives me comfort* from his word, . . .
And kindly hears^g when I complain^h. . .
- 2 I fear not hypocritesⁱ; they're vain,—
Nor all the furious rage of hell;
Though they deride me with disdain,
And lies against me daily tell.

(x) Eph. v. 2.—Heb. x. 10. (y) Rom. iii. 25, 26. (z) Gal. iii. 1.
(a) 1 John ii. 2. (b) 1 Tim. ii. 6. (c) Matt. xi. 29.—
2 Cor. x. 1. (d) Rev. v. 9. (e) Psal. cxlvi. 2. (f) Psal. lv. 1.
(g) Psal. cxlv. 18, 19. (h) Psal. xlii. 1, --- 7. (i) Matt. vi. 2, 5,
xv. 7, 8, 9.—xxiii. 13, --- 33.—xxiv. 51.

* More than once it has been my lot to be disagreeably exercised with such trials, as these verses describe; at which times I have ways been remarkably comforted in reading over the xxxviith Psal. I therefore particularly recommend it to the serious perusal of others.

3 Although I am betray'd^j by those,
Who (*Judas*^k like) false^l brethren prove;
'Tis true they are the worst of foes,
But God will help^m me from above.

4 Yet, Lord, my soul is vext and try'd
By sinful false pretended friends;
Who do not in the truth abide,
Or pay regard to thy commands.

5 Then undertakeⁿ, for I am weak,
Thou righteous^o Judge of quick and dead!
No other help but thee I seek
To plead^p my cause and screen my head.

6 O let thy grace^q support me still,
That I my daily cross^r may bear,
To do and suffer all thy will
Throughout my various trials here.

7 And, Lord, for Jesu's^r sake forgive
My foes, who wrong to me would do;
Let them be born^s again and live
In Christ created^t all anew^u.

LXVI.

For Grace to persevere when Tempted or Afflicted.

L ORD, I am thine,—now save ^v thy own	8
From scornful wicked men who frown,	8
Lest they my soul destroy:	6
In fierce temptation's trying hour ^w	8
Keep me unhurt by Satan's pow'r ^x ,	8
And give me peace and joy.	6

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(j) Mar. xiii. 12. (k) Matt. xxvi. 48, 49. (l) 2 Cor. xi. 26.
(m) Isa. xli. 10. (n) Isa. xxxviii. 14. (o) Ps. xcvi. 13.—2 Tim. iv. 1.
(p) Isa. li. 22. (q) 2 Cor. ix. 8. (r) Luke ix. 23. (s) John xiv.
3, 14. (t) Eph. ii. 10. (u) 2 Cor. v. 17.
(v) Psal. vii. 1.—1 Pet. iv. 12 — 15. (w) Jam. i. 12. (x) Col. i. 13.

Or, if purg'd in affliction's fire^y,
 With plenteous^z grace my heart inspire,
 That like well-tried^a gold,
 I may the fiery test abide,
 And in thy name for help confide,
 Who cannot be controll'd^b.

- 3 O save me from all other loss
 But sin's base filth^c and sordid dross^d;
 From which, Lord, make me pure,
 That, like my Saviour, I may show
 A life of holiness below,
 And to the end endure^e.

LXVII.

Faith and its effects, accompanied with Prayer.

- 1 **S**HOULD multiply'd woes 5
 Arise from my foes, 5
 'The Lord is sufficient^f my mind to compose. 11
- 2 For while I believe,
 No thought can conceive
 One half of the favours I from him receive.
- 3 When tempted I find
 My will is resign'd
 To bear it through grace with a peaceable mind.
- 4 Thus fav'd, I possess
 What none can express:
 This world seems as nothing to me, or far less.
- 5 Its charms^g would but cloy,
 And hinder my-joy,
 Were I on its objects my mind to employ.
- 6 Lord, still hear my pray'r,
 And of me take care^h;
 Make all things a blessing that might prove a snareⁱ.

(y) Isa. xlix. 13. — liv. 11, — 17. (z) Psal. cxxx. 7.
 (a) Zech. xiii. 9. (b) Job ix. 12. (c) Ezek. xxxvi. 25.
 (d) Isa. i. 25. — Mal. iii. 3. — 1 John iii. 3. (e) Matt. x. 22.
 (f) 2 Cor. iii. 5. (g) 1 John ii. 15, 16, 17. (h) 1 Pet. v. 7.
 (i) 1 Tim. vi. 9.

7 Help me to embrace
Thy truth and thy grace,
and constantly shew me the smiles of thy face.

8 Pour down from aboveⁱ
Pure wisdom and love,
and be thou my portion^k wherever I move.

LXVIII.

*The Christian under reproaches pitying the Wicked,
and Praying for them.*

A FOOL^l I'm counted for Christ's^m sake, . . . 8
A madman[†] quite unwise; 6
And wicked men my life would take, 8
Who do thy law despise. 6

My serious counsel day by day,
And all my works of love,
(As void of wisdom) they gainsay,
And laugh when I reprove.

But I was once in their sad state,
Beneath thy curse and frown,
Till thou did me regenerate,
And with thy favour crown.

D 6

(j) Jam. iii. 17. (k) Psal. lxxiii. 26. (l) 1 Cor. iv. 10.
1 Pet. iv. 14.

In the book of Isaiah, lix. 15, that Evangelical Prophet has said,
that departeth from evil, maketh himself a prey; or, as some
state it, is accounted mad. So it is said of Christ, John x. 20.
hath a devil and is mad; and of his Apostle Paul, Acts xxvi. 24.
ou art besides thyself,—much learning doth make the mad.—
efore let every one (*when they, for the same cause, meet with this*
sation) not be discouraged; our Lord saith, Matt. v. 12. Rejoice
be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

- 4 Lord, as on allⁿ thy works the same,
 Thou still thy love doth place;
 Give what I ask^o in Jesu's name,
 And save me by^p thy grace.
- 5 Now, gracious God, lay too thy hand!
 Take sin's dark^a veil away,
 That they thy will may understand,
 And walk in wisdom's way^r.
- 6 Cause them with me to speak and think,
 And of thy goodness tell,
 Who sav'd us^r, when on ruin's brink,
 From falling into^s hell!

LXIX.

*The great use of real Religion eminently displayed in the
 time of Trial.*

- 1 **I**N Christ^t, the new^u and living way, . . .
 With God I walk without dismay: . . .
 Unwearied of the cross I bear, . . .
 Nor do I men or devils fear.^v
- 2 'Tis true they often foam and rage,
 And all their hellish host engage
 To shake my confidence in God,
 That he may smite me with his rod.
- 3 They use deceit^w with forged^x lies,
 And^y feigned love to blind my eyes,
 Lest I should by the truth be led,
 Or on immortal^z food be fed.
- 4 But lo, their art is all in vain,
 For God doth keep^a and me sustain^b:
 He with his flock doth make me feed^c,
 And gives me ev'ry thing I need.

(n) Psal. cxlv. 9, 10. (o) John xv. 16. (p) Eph. ii. 5.
 (q) Prov. iv. 19.—Acts xxvi. 18.—2 Cor. iii. 14, 15, 16. (r) Prov.
 17. (s) John iii. 17.—2 Tim. i. 9. (t) Psal. ix. 17. (u) 2 Cor.
 17.—Col. ii. 10. (v) Heb. x. 20. (w) 1 Pet. iii. 13.
 (x) Prov. xii. 20.—Rom. iii. 13. (y) Psal. cxix.
 (z) 2 Pet. ii. 3. (a) John vi. 53, --- 58. (b) Psal. cxxi.
 (c) Psal. iii. 5. (d) Ezek. xxxiv. 11, 15.

He, like a Shepherd^d, ev'ry hour
Keeps me by his Almighty pow'r
Safe from these ev'ning^e wolves of prey,
Which lurk^f to take my life away.

Therefore to suffer^g I rejoice;
What's his blest will^h is my free choice:
I neither murmur nor repine,
Since heav'nⁱ with all its joys are mine.

Thou brightest^j, fairest^k, heav'nly Dove^l!
How glorious^m are thy works of love?
Of me thy matchless wonders claim
My utmost strength to spread thy fame.

Therefore in praise my heart and tongue
Shall sing to thee a joyful song,
Who hath redeem'dⁿ and made me free^o,
And still art ALL in ALL to me.

LXX.

*Devout Breathings for all the mind of Christ, and for
final Victory.*

PRESERVE me, Lord, and keep my mind
in peace; 10
Of faith and love grant me a large increase: 10
Plant the whole mind^p of Jesus Christ in me, 10
And make my will subordinate to thee. 10

In all temptations may I sin eschew^q,
And life eternal^r with my might pursue;
Regardless of hell's force or grievous frown,
Till I obtain from thee a glorious crown^f.

h. ii. 5.
r) Prov.
t) 2 Cor.
iii. 13.
cxix.
fal. cxxi.

(d) Isa. xl. 11. (e) Jer. v. 6.—Luke x. 3. (f) Prov. i. 11.
1 Pet. iv. 13. (h) Matt. vi. 10.—Rom. xii. 2. (i) Matt. v. 10.
Heb. i. 3. (k) Psal. xlv. 2. (l) Matt. iii. 16. (m) Luke xiii.
—2 Cor. iii. 7, --- 11. (n) Gal. iii. 13.—Rev. v. 9. (o) John viii.
36. (p) Phil. ii. 5. (q) 1 Pet. iii. 11. (r) John xvii.
3.—Rom. vi. 23. (f) 1 Cor. ix. 25.—1 Pet. v. 4.

- 3 Make me to say, O death^s, where is thy sting?
Over the grave of vict'ry also sing;
And thank thy grace and free unbounded love,
Which did the deadly sting of sin remove.
- 4 Then to a world of glorious spirits^t bright,
To dwell with thee in uncreated light^u,
My soul shall haste, shall joys eternal meet,
And there in songs thy wond'rous acts repeat!

LXXI.

For a constant renewal of Grace.

- 1 **L**ORD, in the spirit^v of my mind, . . . 8
Renew me, that I may . . . 6
Go on and constant pleasure find . . . 8
In thine appointed way^w. . . 6
- 2 Whatever trials I may meet,
May I be faithful found^x;
And through thy grace my foes defeat,
Which doth my soul surround.
- 3 Fresh tokens^y of thy favour give,
Till thou dost me remove
From troubles, with thyself to live
In endless joy above^z.

LXXII.

For Grace to persevere in the time of Persecution and Suffering.

- 1 **M**OST gracious God^a, my wants supply, . . . 8
And feed^b me lest I faint and die: . . . 8
The bread of life^c do thou impart,— . . . 8
Increase my strength and cheer my heart. . . 8

(s) 1 Cor. xv. 55, 56, 57. (t) Heb. i. 14. (u) Rev. xxii. 5.
(v) Eph. iv. 23. (w) Prov. viii. 32.—xii. 28. (x) Rev. ii. 10.
(y) Psal. lxxxvi. 17. (z) Isa. xxxv. 10. (a) Jonah iv. 2.
(b) Isa. xl. 11. (c) John vi. 35.

O guide^d my feet with steady pace,
That I may persevere (through grace)
To do and suffer all thy will,
And thy pure law^e of love fulfill.

The rage of man let me not fear,
However persecuted here,
Nor hell whate'er it may devise,
For, lo, on thee my soul relies^f.

In ev'ry state I wish to be
Resign'd, and wholly led^g by thee;
And now my hopes^h immortal are,
That thou wilt answer to my pray'r.

Let blessings then my life attend,
And crownⁱ me with a glorious end:
So shall I die in peace, and prove
That God^j eternally is love!

LXXIII.

be weak waxing valiant and humbly boasting in God.

THE Lord is my support^k and guide^l, . . . 8
Through tribulation and distress: . . . 8
At Jesu's feet I lay my pride, . . . 8
And own my utter helplessness†. . . . 8

and (l) Luke i. 79.—John xvi. 13. (e) Gal. v. 14. (f) 2 Chron. xvi. 8.
Rom. viii. 14. (h) Psal. lxxi. 5. (i) 1 Pet. v. 4. (j) Deut. xxxiii.
—1 John iv. 8, 16. (k) Pl. lv. 22. (l) Psal. lxxiii. 24.

Although Christ, when considering himself under the similitude
of a vine, hath said, John xv. 5. *Without me ye can do nothing*; this
proves that we can effect no part of our salvation WITHOUT
it; yet it is very evident, that except we resist his grace, we al-
ways possess some degree of it; and our strength increases more or
less according as we use it: For the Apostle saith, 1 Cor. xii. 7.
*Manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN TO PROFIT
HIMSELF*; and, Tit. ii. 11. *The grace of God that bringeth salvation
has appeared to ALL MEN, &c.*

- 2 But though I'm weak, yet nought can harm,
So as to discompose my breast:
Hell's declarations can't alarm,
Or violate my peace and rest.
- 3 JEHOVAH^m is my strength, my tow'rⁿ,
My rock, my fortress, and defence^o:
Secur'd by his Almighty pow'r,
'There's none can harm^p or pluck^q me thence.
- 4 In vain are snares^r by Satan laid,
Or plots^r contrived by unseen foes;
God round his saints an hedge^s hath made,
'That nought with them can interpose.
- 5 Lo, *Israel's*^t God doth never sleep^u,
Who screens my poor defenceless head:
His watchful care my soul doth keep,
And strikes mine enemies with dread!
- 6 He smote^v the huge *Affyrian* host,
And brought destruction on their king:
Of this great God I'll make my boast^w,
And of his love for ever sing!

LXXIV.

The goodness of God.

- 1 UNHURT, through dreary paths I tread,
Where rav'ning^x wolves and beasts^y of prey
Themselves on ev'ry side do spread,—
And strive to take my life away.

(m) Isa. xii. 2.—xxvi. 4. (n) 2 Sam. xxii. 2, 3.—Psal. xviii. 3.—xxi. 3.—xci. 2.—cxliv. 2. (o) Psal. lix. 9. (p) 1 Pet. iii. 1. (q) John x. 28, 29. (r) 1 Tim. iii. 7.—2 Tim. ii. 19. (s) Job i. 10. (t) Jer. xxxi. 1. (u) Ps. cxxi. 1. (v) 2 Kings xix. 35, 36, 37.—Isa. xxxvii. 36, 37, 38. (w) Ps. cxxxv. 2.—xliv. 8. (x) Mat. vii. 15.—Luke x. 3.—Acts xx. 19. (y) 1 Cor. xv. 32.—2 Pet. ii. 12.

But, Lord, 'tis by thy unseen pow'r,
Which doth invisibly^a controul,
That they're unable to devour,
Or even to afflict my soul.

O who thy goodness^a can explain
To me who long abus'd thy grace;
That I such favour^b should obtain
Through^c Christ, who dy'd^d for *Adam's* race.

O Lord, still help me to go on,
And ev'ry day shew forth thy praise,
Till all my trials here be done,
For these await^e me all my days.

Then after death let me receive
The joy^f at thy right hand prepar'd;
And with those who did Christ believe,
Enter into my full reward.

LXXV.

Faith accompanied with Salvation.

JEHOVAH* JAH† is my strong^g tow'r . . . 8
And rock^h, where I for refuge hide, . . . 8
Left Satan should my soul devourⁱ, . . . 8
Or drown me in the floods^j of pride. . . . 8

From hell^k, and all the storms^l that rage,
However big with wrath and wo,
Thou dost in my behalf engage,
And thine Almighty pow'r wilt show!

(z) Heb. xi. 27. (a) Psal. xxxi. 19. (b) Prov. viii. 35.—
i. 2. (c) Rom. v. 1.—vi. 23. (d) Heb. ii. 9. (e) John xvi. 33.—
Heb. xii. 6, 7, 8. (f) John xiv. 2, 3.—Heb. xii. 2. (g) Prov. xviii.
9. (h) 2 Sam. xxii. 2, 3.—Psal. xciv. 22. (i) 1 Pet. v. 8.
(j) Isa. lix. 19. (k) Matt. xvi. 18. (l) Psal. cvii. 29.—Isa. xxv. 4.—
Phil. i. 28, 29.

* The self-subsisting.

† The everlasting.

- 3 Should all earth's fraud and force combine
My confidence in thee to shake :
These cannot harm^m a child of thine,
Since thou wilt neverⁿ me forsake.
- 4 For good^o thou may permit distress,
By persecution, famine, war ;
Which for a time may me oppress,
But I ere long shall leave them far^p.
- 5 Till then I rest in earnest hope
That thou my constant guide^q wilt be :
Meantime, lest I in darkness grope,
Continue, Lord, to shine^r on me.

LXXVI.

Love extended to all the Creation.

- 1 **T**HEE will I praise, thou God^f of love, . 8
Who mercy^s hath to all^t made known : 8
Those angels^u which fell from above, . 8
Were once the partners of thy throne ; . 8
And might^{*} in that bright state of rest, . 8
Continued with thy favour blest. . 8
- 2 At first so might the human race
Have stood in their primeval state^v ;
But though they sinn'd^w against thy grace,
That grace^x must ALL from death translate :

(m) 1 Pet. iii. 13. (n) Heb. xiii. 5, 6. (o) Rom. viii. 28.
(p) Rev. xxii. 14. (q) Psal. lxxiii. 24. (r) Num. vi. 25.
(f) 1 John iv. 8. (s) Psal. cxlv. 9. (t) 1 Tim. ii. 6. (u) 2 Pet. ii.
4.—Jude 6. (v) Gen. i. 26, --- 31. (w) Gen. iii. 6.—Rom. iii. 23.
(x) Gen. iii. 15.—xii. 3.—xxii. 18.—xxvi. 4.—xxviii. 14, 15.—
Psal. xxii. 27, 28, 29.—lxv. 2.—c. 5.—ciii. 8, 9.—cxxx. 7, 8.—
cxlv. 8, 9, 10.—cl. 6.—Isa. xxv. 6, 7, 8.—lii. 10.—Luke iii. 6.—
Acts xiii. 47.—Eph. i. 10.—Phil. ii. 9, 10, 11.—Col. i. 20.—
Rev. v. 13.

* Though the Scriptures say but little in what manner angels fell, it is certain their fall, as well as the fall of man, was occasioned by a voluntary act of rebellion against their Maker ; for that which they did could not have been rebellion, or any way sinful, had they been under any necessity to do it. If so, it is obvious that both angels and men, in their primeval state of innocence, had the same power to stand therein, as to fall from it.

'Tis true, some first in hell^r must lie,
Thy justice there to magnify.

Yet Christ, the first^r fruits from the dead,
Again the kingdom shall restore;
Subject alone to God, the HEAD
And FATHER, who for evermore
Will, in the end, be ALL in ALL
To all that did or ere can fall!

Lord, may I not ungrateful prove
For present favour, nor for past;
But, by a kind return of love,
Believe, obey, and hold thee fast,—
That with thy first born^a I may rise
To meet^b my Saviour in the skies.

LXXVII.

*The Soul excited by Angels, to imitate what is done in
Heaven.*

A WAKE, my soul, arise and sing . . . 8
Of Christ, thy Prophet^c, Priest^d, and King^e! 8
Repeat the wonders^f of his love, . . . 8
Who brought^g salvation from above! . . . 8

Angels who minister^h his grace,
From slothⁱ doth rouse the human race
To use the strength which he has giv'n,
Like them who do his will in heav'n.

Good angels never did rebel,
But thou for sin deserved hell;
And must have suffer'd there much pain,
Had not the Lamb^j of God been slain!

(y) Psal. ix. 17. (z) Acts xxvi. 23.—1 Cor. xv. 20, --- 28.
(a) Heb. xii. 23. (b) 1 Thes. iv. 16, 17. (c) Luke i. 76.
(d) Heb. ix. 11. (e) Matt. xxi. 5. (f) 1 John iii. 1, 2.
(g) Isa. lix. 16. (h) Heb. i. 14. (i) 1 Kin. xix. 5, --- 8.
(j) Gal. iii. 13.—Rev. v. 9, 12.

- 4 He for thy sins did freely^k die,
And is thine advocate^l on high:
Through faith in him, the crown^m divine,
And everlastingⁿ life is thine!
- 5 Therefore no more be dull or sad,
But in the Lord be light and glad;
And always of his love rejoice
In cheerful songs with heart and voice.
- 6 For what to thee can sorrow bring?
Lo, death hath lost his mortal^o sting;
And hence this flesh shall also have
A complete vict'ry o'er the grave!

LXXVIII.

A call to a strict Examination, and the Benefits arising therefrom.

- 1 **M**Y soul, search ev'ry part within, . . . 8
And spare not one besetting sin^p; . . . 8
Or thou wilt grieve the God^q of love. . . . 8
And draw his judgments^r from above. . . . 8
- 2 Throughout thy various trials here,
In word and work be quite sincere;
And least thou should his grace abuse,
Pure precepts[†] for direction chuse.
- 3 Consider well what hath been done^r
For thee, by his eternal Son,—
Who full^s for ALL, of truth and grace,
Displays the same^t in ev'ry place!

(k) Rom. iii. 24.—Gal. i. 4.—ii. 20. (l) 1 John ii. 1.
(m) 2 Tim. iv. 8. (n) Luke xviii. 30. (o) 1 Cor. xv. 53, --- 57.
(p) Heb. xii. 1. (q) 1 John iv. 8. (r) 1 Pet. iv. 17. (s) 1 Pet. iii.
18. (t) Tit. ii. 11.—
Heb. ii. 9.

† By carefully reading the cxix. Psalm, every one may see that the Psalmist has had a peculiar delight in observing the precepts of his Maker, more than any other thing; and so has all those that are truly the children of God.

4 What though this outward frame decay,
He will his rising^u pow'r display;
And thou shalt find a large increase
Of everlasting^v joy and peace.

5 If death the veil of flesh remove,
It can't annihilate^w thy love;
But thou shalt (stript of mortal shrouds)
Hail Christ when coming^x in the clouds!

6 Then made immortal^y and divine,
Thy robes^z will all transplendent shine:
Thou with the Lamb shalt walk in white
In mansions of unfulfilled light!

7 Thy hand a conqueror's palm shall bear;
Thy head a crown of glory wear;
And he beyond compare will bless
Thee there with endless happiness!

LXXIX.

*The Soul excited to ascend Heavenward, and to beware
of Satan's suggestions.*

1 **M**OUNT, mount, my soul, above terrestrial
things, 10
Soar far aloft, as upon eagles'^a wings, 10
To glorious mansions^b of eternal light, 10
And there behold thy Saviour with delight. 10

2 In contemplation all thy faith employ,
And thereby reap immortal peace and joy:
Anticipate the pleasures^c of his grace,
Which ever flow from his most glorious face!

(u) John v. 28, 29. (v) Isa. xxxv. 10. (w) Rom. viii. 35, 39.
(x) Matt. xxiv. 30, 31. (y) 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54. (z) Rev. vii. 9, 10.
(a) Isa. xl. 31. (b) John xiv. 2, 3. (c) Psal. xvi. 11.

- 3 Let no suggestion from the tempter^d hide
His goodness, or set heav'nly^e things aside,
But walk, like *Enoch*^f, with thy God above,
Till swallow'd up in the abyss of love!

LXXX.

*The Soul called upon to exercise Faith to survey the
wonders of Christ's Love; also to Watch and Pray.*

- 1 **M**OUNT^g, my soul, by faith^h to Jesus; . 8
View his dazzling gloryⁱ bright: . 7
Join with angels^j in the chorus, . 8
Who do praise him with delight: . 7
For his mercy . 4
Give him thanks both day and night. . 7
- 2 Drawn^k by Love's divine attraction
To himself in ev'ry place,
My glad heart flames with affection^l,
And rejoiceth in his grace^m,
Which appearetnⁿ
Unto all the human race.
- 3 God, to prove his church^o beloved,
He his own^p Son did not spare:
Christ came, and the curse^q received;—
View him hang^r, as in the air,
Pierc'd and bleeding,
Yielding up the ghost in pray'r!
- 4 Trace him from the grave ascended^f
To the inner^s court above;
Where, of sovereign pow'r^t invested,
He sits^u on a throne of love^v;
And will shortly^w
Thither all his saints remove.

(d) 1 Thes. iii. 5. (e) Heb. ix. 23. (f) Gen. v. 24. (g) Isa. xl. 31.
(h) Heb. xi. 27. (i) 2 Cor. iii. 7, 11, 18. (j) Rev. v. 11, 12, 13.
(k) Jer. xxxi. 3.—John xii. 32. (l) Col. iii. 2. (m) Rom. v. 2.
(n) Tit. ii. 11. (o) Eph. v. 25, 26, 27. (p) Rom. viii. 32.
(q) Gal. iii. 13. (r) Matt. xxvii. 26, --- 66.—Mark xv. 15, --- 37.
—Luke xxiii. 33, --- 46.—John xix. 16, --- 30. (s) Eph. iv.
8, 9, 10. (t) Ezek. x. 3. (u) Matt. xxviii. 18. (v) Heb. viii. 1.
—xii. 2. (w) John xvii. 24. (x) Rom. ix. 28.

- 5 Till then, lo, his holy Spirit^x
 Doth, in ev'ry faithful breast,
 Dwell, and cause them to inherit
 A perpetual state of rest^y;
 Therefore hearken,
 O my soul, and be thus blest.
- 6 To his teachings give attention;
 Watch against sin with due care:
 Shun the way of circumvention;
 Still on God act faith^z in pray'r:
 By so doing
 Thou a crown^a of life shall wear!

LXXXI.

*The Soul excited to reverence God, to be careful not to
 offend him, and to steer by Faith towards Heaven.*

- 1 **B**OW down my soul, and evermore . . . 8
 Revere JEHOVAH's sacred name: . . . 8
 The high^b and mighty^c God whose pow'r . . . 8
 Hath thee^d redeem'd from sin and shame. . . 8
- 2 'Tis he, that in the days^e of old,
 Such wonders^f for his people wrought;
 Who suffer'd *Pharaoh* not to hold,
 But them safe out of *Egypt*^g brought!
- 3 He for their sakes did kings^h reprove;
 Them help whole kingdomsⁱ to subdue:
 He fought^j their battles from above,
 And their insulting foes o'erthrow^k.
- 4 Lo, still his love unchang'd^l remains
 The same as was in ages past;
 With truth and justice he maintains
 Those who on him their care^m do cast.

(x) 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17. (y) Matt. xi. 28, 29. (z) Matt. xxi. 27.

(a) Rev. ii. 10. (b) Psal. xcvi. 9. (c) Hab. i. 12. (d) Isa. xliii.
 1. (e) Psal. lxxvii. 5. (f) Exod. iii. 20.—xiv. 30. (g) Josh. xxiv.
 5, 6, 7, 8. (h) 1 Chron. xvi. 21.—Psal. cv. 14. (i) Heb. xi. 33.
 (j) Josh. x. 14, 40, 42.—2 Chron. xx. 29. (k) Psal. cxxxvi. 15.
 (l) Mal. iii. 6. (m) 1 Pet. v. 7.

- 3 Then, O my soul, give earnestⁿ heed,
Left from him thou again should stray:
For heav'n, let earthly things recede^o,
And at a proper distance stay.
- 6 By faith steer heav'nward with delight;
The end^p of all things is at hand;
When with the Lamb^q, drest all in white,
Thou in immortal robes shall stand.
- 7 Now think what joys will then commence!
None can conceive^r to what degree
God, in these mansions, will dispense
Blessings to all eternity!

LXXXII.

*The Powers of Body and Mind all offered as a Sacrifice
to God; with a Prayer to be made perfect in Love,
and to dwell with him for ever.*

- 1 **T**O God I offer[†] all my pow'rs . . .
A willing^f sacrifice: . . .
My strength, my talents, and my hours,
Which was employ'd in vice. . .

(n) Heb. ii. 1. (o) 2 Cor. iv. 18. (p) 1 Pet. iv. 7. (q) Rev. vii. 9.
(r) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (f) 1 Chron. xxviii. 9.—2 Cor. viii. 12.

† In the first age of the world, Cain and Abel each presented an offering to the Lord; the offering of Cain was not respected, but the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering, Gen. iv. 3, 4, 5. The former, no doubt, was not upright in his intentions, while the latter willingly offered up his heart and the firstlings of his flock together. For, it is said, Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness, that he was righteous, Heb. xi. 4. In the fourth age of the world, the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it *willingly with his heart*, ye shall take my offering, Exod. xxv. 1, 2. Hence we learn that whatever is offered to God must be done willingly with the heart according to the example of Christ; who said, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God, Heb. x. 7, 9. And though he knew no sin, yet, to make us and our offerings acceptable to God, he gave his life a ransom for all, 1 Tim. ii. 6. and did die to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, Heb. ix. 26. Thereby

- 2 These will I spend for thee, O Lord,
In doing thy blest will;
But thou to do so^s must afford
Grace, and my wants fulfil.
- 3 Thus blest me, then I'll follow thee
In thine appointed way^t,
And never more will idle be,
Thy goodness to display.
- 4 Convince^u me when I e'er do wrong
In thought, or word, or deed;
And, Lord, inspire^v my heart and tongue
More wisely to proceed.
- 5 Help me in virtue's path to move,
And therein persevere,
Until made perfect^w in thy love
I in thy fight appear^x.

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(s) John xv. 5.—2 Cor. iii. 5. (t) Luke i. 79. (u) John xvi. 8.
(v) Job xxxii. 8. (w) Matt. v. 48.—1 John iv. 16, 17, 18.
(x) Col. iii. 4.

he hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 2 Tim. i. 10. Thus having made himself a free-will offering to God we ought as freely to offer up ourselves according to what he may require of us. At the same time we ought to be careful never to offer unto God the sacrifice of fools; for Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, were both devoured with fire before the Lord for offering strange fire upon his altar, Lev. x. 1, 2. and were thereby made visible examples of his just displeasure to all succeeding generations. And the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, concerning which the prophet Isaiah prophesied, Isa. xxix. 13. is again rehearsed by our Lord as a severe reproof for their insincerity and mock worship; saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Many other things of the same nature are recorded in Scripture, which are all convincing proofs that God requires truth in the inward parts; for God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth, John iv. 24. This necessary caution will by no means deter those whose hearts are right with God from offering themselves up daily to his service, in the most devoted manner that words can express; because their language is, Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee, Psal. lxxiii. 25.

6 And when complete^r in ev'ry grace,
 O God of purity^z,
 Let me unveil'd behold thy face^a
 To all eternity.

LXXXIII.

An Appeal to God, that the Soul delights in him, and is devoted to his service; with a Prayer to be made perfect, and to dwell with him for ever.

1 **O** Thou most^b high eternal^c holy^d One ! . 10
 My secret^e thoughts are known to thee alone: 10
 Thou know'st my soul delights to do thy will, 10
 And in all things thy pleasure^f to fulfil. . 10

2 I gladly now devote my ev'ry hour,
 My life, my strength, my mem'ry, will, and pow'r:
 I give them all a willing^g sacrifice
 To thee, O keep me from the love of vice.

3 Should I act wrong in any thing I do,
 My error, Lord, do thou in mercy shew;
 And cause the sacred flame of love^h to shine,—
 Thereby reveal to me thy will divine.

4 Destroy the last remains of inbred sin;
 Make me quite pureⁱ and holy^j all within,
 That I thy perfect^k, spotless bride^l may be
 Espous'd to dwell for evermore with thee.

(y) Col. ii. 10.—iv. 12. (z) Hab. i. 13. (a) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.
 (b) Psal. lvi. 2. (c) Deut. xxxiii. 27. (d) Isa. xliii. 14, 15.
 (e) Psal. xlv. 21.—Eccl. xii. 14.—Rom. ii. 16. (f) 2 Thes. i. 11.
 —Rev. iv. 11. (g) Lev. i. 3.—xix. 5.—xxii. 19, 29.
 (h) Cant. viii. 7.—Isa. iv. 4. (i) Matt. v. 8. (j) Lev. xix. 2.—
 1 Pet. i. 15, 16. (k) Eph. iv. 13.—v. 27.—2 Pet. iii. 14.

† The most happy union that can possibly subsist between a man and his wife, can but faintly represent the happiness which arises from the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church. See Isa. liv. 5.—Rev. xix. 7, 8, 9.

LXXXIV.

*Love to the law of God ;—the Soul ascribeth the cause
to free Grace and Rejoiceth therein.*

- 1 **I** LOVE thy righteous law, O Lord, . . . 8
 And gladly would the same fulfil^l: . . . 8
 For Jesu's sake thine aid afford, . . . 8
 And strengthen^m me to do thy will. . . . 8
- 2 In word, or work, nor yet in thought,
 Would I at all therefrom decline :
 Help me to set my^a will at nought
 Always to do and suffer thine.
- 3 For, Lord, 'tis all of thy free^o grace,
 That I do in thy law delight ;
 Thy Spirit^p taught me to embrace,
 And keep thy statutes day and night.
- 4 Salvation^q to thy name belongs,
 Which work is far beyond compare !
 Therefore, with joy in grateful songs,
 I will thy matchless love^r declare.

LXXXV.

Pleasure arising from a feeling Sense of Divine Love:

- 1 **L**OVE†, O how pleasant is thy voice^f, . . . 8
 My God, the sacred sound is sweet ; . . . 8
 It makes my heart when sad rejoice^s, . . . 8
 And puts the world^t beneath my feet. . . . 8

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(l) Gal. v. 14. (m) 2 Tim. iv. 17. (n) Luke xxii. 42.
 (o) Rom. iii. 24.—1 Cor. ii. 12. (p) Ezek. xi. 19, 20. (q) Isa. xii.
 —lii. 10.—Heb. v. 9 —Rev. vii. 10. (r) 1 John iii. 1, 2.—
 Rev. i. 5, 6. (f) Cant. ii. 8, — 14.—John x. 27. (s) 2 Cor. vi. 10.
 (t) John xv. 19.

† The sacred writings every where abound with examples of the
 infinite Love of God to his creatures ; and to shew that he is not par-
 tial to one part of the creation more than to another, we are told *God*
is no respecter of persons, Acts x. 34. and that *he is good unto all and his*
tender mercies are over all his works, Psal. cxlv. 9. But in order to shew

2 Who can withstand thy powerful charms?
 These as the loadstone sweetly draws^u
 My ravish'd soul into thine arms^v,
 To yield obedience to thy laws.

(u) John vi. 44.—xii. 32. (v) Cant. iv. 9.

a little more plainly the nature and properties of Divine Love I shall transcribe a few of the excellent sayings of WILLIAM LAW, an eminent and pious Author, who had a great fortaste of the riches of eternity. In one of his dialogues he describes *Theophilus* as affectionately addressing his silent friend *Humanus* thus. "Oh, *Humanus*, Love is my Bait,—you must be caught by it,—it will put its hook into your heart, and force you to know that of all strong things nothing is so strong, so irresistible, as Divine Love.

"It brought forth all the Creation, it kindles all the Life of Heaven, it is the song of all the angels of God, it has redeemed all the world, it seeks for every sinner upon earth, it embraces all the enemies of God; and from the beginning to the end of time, the one work of Providence is the one work of Love.

"*Moses* and the prophets, Christ and his apostles were all of them messengers of Divine Love: They came to kindle a fire on earth, and that fire was the Love which burns in heaven. Ask what God is? His name is Love; he is the good, the perfection, the peace, the joy, the glory, and blessing of every life. Ask what Christ is? He is the universal remedy of all evil broke forth in nature and creature; he is the destruction of misery, sin, darkness, death, and hell; he is the resurrection and life of all fallen nature; he is the unwearied compassion, the long-suffering pity, the never-ceasing mercifulness of God to every want and infirmity of human nature.

"He is the breathing forth of the heart, life, and spirit of God into all the dead race of *Adam*; he is the seeker, the finder, the restorer of all that was lost, and dead to the life of God; he is the Love, that, from *Cain* to the end of time, prays for all its murderers; the Love that willingly suffers and dies among thieves, that thieves may have a life with him in Paradise; the Love that visits publicans, harlots, and sinners, that wants and seeks to forgive where most is to be forgiven.

"Oh, my friends, let us surround and encompass *Humanus* with the flames of Love, till he cannot make his escape from them, but must become a willing victim to their power; for the universal God is universal Love; all is Love, but that which is hellish and earth'y. All religion is the Spirit of Love; all its gifts and graces are the gifts and graces of Love; it has no breath, no life, but the life of Love. Nothing exalts, nothing purifies, but the fire of Love; nothing changes death into life, earth into heaven, but Love alone. Love breathes the Spirit of God; its words and works are the inspiration of God; it speaketh not of itself, but the Word; the eternal Word of God speaketh in it, for all that Love speaketh, that God speaketh, because Love is God. Love is heaven revealed in the soul; it is light and truth; it is infallible; it has no errors, for all errors are the want of Love. Love has no more of pride than

3. O make me faithful to return
 A living^w sacrifice of praise,
 That as a lamp^x I bright may burn,
 And glorify^y thee all my days.
4. Then let me hear thee say—Well done^z;
 Come enter into endless rest
 And be the partner^a of my throne,
 For ever with my presence blest.

E 3.

(w) Rom. xii. 1. (x) Isa. lxii. 1. (y) 1 Cor. vi. 20.
 (z) Matt. xxv. 21, 23. (a) Rev. iii. 21.

“light has of darkness; it stands and bears all its fruits from a depth
 “and root of humility. Love is of no sect or party; it neither makes
 “nor admits of any bounds; you may as easily enclose the light, or
 “shut up the air of the world into one place, as confine Love to a sect
 “or party; it lives in the *liberty*, the *universality*, the *impartiality* of
 “heaven; it believes in one Holy Catholic God, the God of all
 “spirits; it unites and joins with the Catholic Spirit of the one God,
 “who unites with all that is good; and is meek, patient, well-wish-
 “ing and long-suffering over all the evil that is in nature and crea-
 “ture. Love, like the Spirit of God, rideth upon the wings of the
 “wind, and is in union and communion with the Saints that are in
 “Heaven and on Earth. Love is quite pure; it has no bye-ends;
 “it seeks not its own; it has but *one will*, and that is, to give itself
 “into every thing, and overcome all evil with good. Lastly, Love is
 “the *Christ* of God; it cometh down from heaven; it regenerateth
 “the soul from above; it blotteth out all transgressions; it taketh
 “from death its sting, from the devil his power, and from the serpent
 “his poison; it healeth all the infirmities of our earthly birth; it
 “gives eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, and makes the dumb to
 “speak; it cleanses the lepers and casts out devils, and puts man into
 “Paradise before he dies; it liveth wholly to the will of him, of whom
 “it is born; its meat and drink is, to do the will of God; it is the re-
 “surrection and life of every divine virtue, a fruitful mother of true
 “humility, boundless benevolence, unwearied patience, and bowels of
 “compassion. This *Rusticus* is the Christ, the Salvation, the Religion
 “of Divine Love, the true Church of God, where the life of God is
 “found and lived, and to whom your friend *Humanus* is called by us.
 “We direct him to nothing but the inward life of Christ, to the
 “working of the Holy Spirit of God, which alone can deliver him
 “from the evil that is in his own nature, and give him a power to
 “become a Son of God.”—*Second Part of the Spirit of Prayer,*
 page 127, &c.

LXXXVI.

*Sweet overflowings of Divine Love in the Soul while
aspiring Heavenward.*

- 1 **H**AIL^b, Jesus, lover^c of my soul, . . . 8
 I in thy tabernacle^d rest : . . . 8
 Thy love like *Jordan's*^e streams doth roll, . . . 8
 And sweetly overflow my breast ! . . . 8
 O let this current ever flow, . . . 8
 That I thereby may live and grow^f. . . 8
- 2 Lord, lest again with base desire^g
 I e'er should feel my heart to swell,
 Extinguish all unhallow'd fire^h,
 And ev'ry impure thoughtⁱ expel,
 That I victorious^j over death
 May triumph^k with my latest breath.
- 3 When thus I'm found, O God, remove
 Me far beyond the reach of ill,
 To everlasting^l joy above,
 And me with all thy fulness^m fill,—
 Till that blest day in faith I wait
 Assur'dⁿ of that thrice happy state.

LXXXVII.

*On Worldly Pleasure, Redeeming Love, and the Chri-
stian's Desire after God.*

- 1 **H**OW small do worldly^a pleasures seem . . . 8
 To those^b at God's right hand above ? . . . 8
 Nothing is worthy^c of esteem . . . 8
 Compared with redeeming love ! . . . 8
 O thou who shed thy blood for me^d . . . 8
 My heart loves to commune with thee. . . 8

(b) Luke i. 28. (c) Eph. v. 2. (d) Psal. lxi. 4.—Heb. viii. 2.
 (e) Josh. iii. 15. (f) Eph. iv. 15.—1 Pet. ii. 2.—2 Pet. iii. 18.
 (g) Eph. ii. 3. (h) Jam. iii. 5, 6. (i) Psal. cxxxix. 23.—
 Prov. xxix. 9.—Rom. xii. 3. (j) Isa. xxv. 8. (k) Psal. xlvii. 1.
 —2 Cor. ii. 14.—2 Tim. iv. 6, 7, 8. (l) Isa. xxxv. 10.—li. 11.
 (m) Eph. iii. 19.—iv. 13. (n) Heb. x. 22, 23.—2 Tim. ii. 19.—
 Rev. xxii. 20. (o) 1 John ii. 15, 16, 17. (p) Psal. xvi. 11.
 (q) Psal. lxxxix. 6.—Rom. viii. 18. (r) Gal. iii. 13.—Heb. ii. 9.

- 2 In heavenly^c places let us sit,
There sweetly talk of things^d divine;
To hear^e instructions make me fit,
And cause my path^c with light to shine,
That unto others^u I may show
A life of holiness below.
- 3 Thou know'st I ardently desire
To press on in the good^v old way
As *Enoch*^w did (that ancient Sire)
Who walk'd with God from day to day,
Till, like him, fully fraught with grace,
I do unveil'd^x behold thy face.
- 4 Come, holy Spirit^y, while I wait,
Come, and in answer^z to my pray'r,
For an eternal happy state,
With grace^a do thou my heart prepare;
And after all thy mind^b is giv'n,
Convey me safe from earth to heav'n.

LXXXVIII.

The Christian's Repository.

- 1 **T**O my immortal[§] soul^c which bears . . . 8
The image^d of Omnipotence, . . . 8
This world, as vanity^e appears . . . 8
Too base and mean to please its sense. . . 8

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- (f) Eph. ii. 6.—1 John i. 3. (g) Acts iii. 22.—Phil. iv. 11, 12, 13.
(t) Prov. iv. 18. (u) Matt. v. 16. (v) Jer. vi. 16. (w) Gen. v.
22, 24.—Heb. xi. 5. (x) 2 Cor. iii. 13, 18. (y) Luke xi. 13.
(z) Isa. lviii. 9.—lxv. 24.—Matt. vii. 7, 8. (a) Heb. xii. 28.
(b) 1 Cor. ii. 16.—Phil. ii. 5. (c) Gen. ii. 7. (d) Gen. i. 27.
(e) Eccl. i. 2, 14.

§ The immortality of the soul cannot be proved if there be no resurrection of the dead; consequently, to know this as we ought, is one of the most important articles of the Gospel: *For if the dead rise not at all*, then all our efforts to future happiness are in vain; and our greatest wisdom would be to say, *Soul, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry; for to-morrow we die.* But since much depends upon our knowing

2 I earthly things but use^e and love,
 As they set^s God before my eyes;
 For all my wealth is hid^d above,
 With Christ my hidden^h treasure lies.

(f) 1 Cor. vii. 32. (g) Psal. xvi. 8. (h) Col. iii. 3, 4.
 (i) Matt. vi. 19, 20, 21.—Luke xii. 33, 34.

whether the soul is immortal or not, it is our duty to gain the best information we can. It is no way essential for us to know who first denied the resurrection of the dead; but this wicked heresy appears to have been very much taught by *Sadoc* and his disciples, (who were called *Sadducees*) above 200 years before the coming of Christ. Whether they denied the immortality of the soul, because the word **IMMORTAL** is not in the Old Testament, or for other reasons, is hard to determine; however, the New Testament fully and repeatedly clears up this matter; and in the beginning of it, John the Baptist severely reproves the believers of this false detestable doctrine, Matt. iii. 7, &c. And Jesus himself, (whom they tempted by desiring that he would shew them a sign from heaven) quite unmasked their hypocrisy, called them *a wicked and adulterous generation*, and has cautioned others to *be-ware of their doctrine*, Matt. xvi. 1—12. He also, to make us sure of a resurrection, proved himself to be the **SON OF GOD**;—and the **FATHER** hath confirmed it by a voice from heaven, saying, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear him*, Mark i. 11.—ix. 7. In obedience to this command let us then attend to his doctrine, who in the most positive manner hath said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the RESURRECTION of life; and they that have done evil, unto the RESURRECTION of damnation.* John v. 25, — 29. And to Martha he said, *I am the resurrection and the life*, which he instantly proved by raising her brother *Lazarus* from the grave, and presenting him alive again, after he had been dead four days. See John xi. Besides this, with many other miracles that he wrought, and all the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth, he still hath given us a more infallible proof by his own death and resurrection; for thereby he hath abolished death and brought **LIFE** and **IMMORTALITY** to light through the Gospel, 2 Tim. i. 10. But to treat this subject minutely would far exceed the narrow limits of a marginal note; I therefore recommend the reader carefully to peruse the follow Chapters, *viz*:—Matt. xxii. xxvii. xxviii.—Mark xii. xvi.—Luke xiv. xx. xxiv.—John v. xi. xx. xxi.—Acts i. ii. iii. iv. v. vii. ix. x. xiii. xvii. xx. xxiii. xxiv. xxvi.—Rom. i. vi. xiv.—1 Cor. xv.—Phil. iii.—2 Tim. ii.—Heb. vi. vii. viii. ix. x. xi. xii.—1 Pet. i. iii.—Rev. xx. xxi. xxii.

- 3 'Tis hid in bags which wax not old,
Where moth and rust cannot corrupt;
Nor thieves break through (however bold)
To steal, or it to interrupt.
- 4 Its lodg'd in heaven quite secure;
My heart likewise is with it there,
Where all is permanent and pure,
And where no evil can appear.
- 5 Hence through eternity^k in peace
I there true^l riches shall possess;
For love^m will grow and joy increase
To all the heights of happiness!

LXXXIX.

*Sure knowledge of Sanctification : Prayer for strength
and establishment ; accompanied with Faith in the
promise.*

- 1 **O** LORD, thou art my righteousnessⁿ divine; 10
Christ^o hath redeem'd, and thereby made
me thine : 10
Hath of my pardon full^p assurance giv'n, . . . 10
Written^q my name, and seal'd my peace in heav'n. 10
- 2 His cleansing^r blood already is apply'd,
And now I feel my soul is sanctified^r;
But, Lord, still strengthen^s and establish me
With grace, that nought may move^t my heart
from thee.
- 3 Give me the greatest heights^u and depths to prove
Of thy supreme, unmeasurable love:
I ask^v in faith, the promise is my own^w,
Thyself, thy kingdom, and thy glorious crown!

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¶ (j) Rev. xxi. 27. (k) 1 John ii. 25. (l) Luke xvi. 13.—
Col. ii. 2. (m) Eph. iii. 16, --- 19. (n) Jer. xxiii. 6. (o) Gal. iii.
23. (p) Isa. xxxii. 17.—Rom. viii. 14, --- 17. (q) Heb. xii. 23.
—Rev. ii. 17. (r) 1 John i. 7. (s) John xvii. 15, --- 26.—
1 Cor. vi. 11.—2 Tim. ii. 21. (t) 1 Pet. v. 10. (u) Col. i. 23.
(v) Eph. iii. 18, 19. (w) Mattxi. x. 22. (x) 1 Cor. iii. 21, 22, 23.

XC.

The Christian's Declaration of his experimental knowledge of God.

- 1 **M**Y God, thy praise shall be my song, . 8
 For love^a inspires my heart and tongue; 8
 Accompany'd with joy and peace, . 8
 And thereby draws my mind away, . 8
 To dwell where war^r shall wholly cease, . 8
 And pleasures^a never know decay. . 8
- 2 For these I leave the things^a behind,
 Which once from thee seduc'd^b my mind;
 They but appear like dung^c and dross^d
 Compar'd to what I see above:
 I count the greatest gain^e all loss
 If it withdraws from me thy love.
- 3 Thou art my way^f, my truth, my life,
 My peace^g, when in the midst of strife:
 My hiding^h place, my rockⁱ, my tow'r^j,
 My safeguard^k through this wilderness;
 My keeper^l in the trying hour,
 My hope^m, my helpⁿ when in distress.
- 4 'Thou art my wisdom^o and my might^p,
 My health^q, my strength^r, my whole delight^f;
 My king^s, my priest^t, my prophet^u, guide^v,
 My home^w, my house^x, my righteousness^y;
 My only refuge^z against pride,
 My cov'ring^a, and my spotless dress^b.

(x) 2 Cor. v. 14.—Gal. v. 22.—1 John iv. 19. (y) Isa. ii. 4.
 —Mic. iv. 3. (z) Psal. xvi. 11. (a) Eph. v. 6. (b) Ezek. xiii.
 10.—1 Tim. iv. 1. (c) Phil. iii. 8. (d) Isa. i. 25. (e) Matt. xvi.
 26.—Mark viii. 36.—Luke ix. 25. (f) John xiv. 6. (g) Eph. ii.
 13, 14. (h) Psal. xxxii. 7.—Isa. xxxii. 2. (i) 1 Cor. x. 4.
 (j) Prov. xviii. 10. (k) Prov. xxix. 25. (l) Psal. cxxi. 5.
 (m) Psal. lxxi. 5. (n) Heb. xiii. 6. (o) 1 Cor. i. 30. (p) Isa. xl.
 29.—Eph. vi. 10. (q) Psal. xlii. 11.—Isa. lviii. 8. (r) Psal. xviii.
 1, 2. (s) Isa. lviii. 14. (t) Psal. lxxiv. 12.—1 Tim. vi. 14, 15, 16.
 (u) Heb. iv. 14. (v) Luke xxiv. 19.—Acts iii. 22. (w) Isa. lviii.
 11. (x) 2 Cor. v. 5, 8. (y) Jer. xxiii. 6.—Phil. iii. 9. (z) Deut. xxxiii. 27.—Psal. xxxvi. 10, 11. (a) Psal. lxxxv.
 2.—Isa. xxx. 1.—xxxii. 2. (b) Eph. v. 27.—1 Pet. v. 5.—
 2 Pet. iii. 14.

5 Thou art my brightest morning^e star,
 My sun^d, my shield^e in time of war;
 My counsellor^f, my captain^g, friend^h,
 My ransomⁱ, who bought^j me with blood,
 My Saviour^k, on whom I depend,
 My well-spring^l, and my living^m food.

6 Whatever to thy churchⁿ thou art,
 By faith^o I claim the same in part:
 Thyself with all^p thou hast is mine,
 And thou wilt me to heav'n translate,
 For I eternally^q am thine,
 Heir^r and joint-heir to thy estate!

XCI.

Holy Exultation.

1 **D**AILY from the source of good^f, . . . 7
 God, in whom I now believe; . . . 7
 Through Christ's^s efficacious blood, . . . 7
 Life^t from him I do receive: . . . 7
 Hence, while thus my soul is blest, . . . 7
 What can violate^u my rest? . . . 7

2 When I suffer for his name,
 Grace^v, my Saviour, doth impart:
 Love^w, his own essential flame,
 Spreads itself through all my heart,
 And directs me how to move
 To Jerusalem^x above.

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(c) Rev. ii. 28.—xxii. 16. (d) Mal. iv. 2.—Rev. xxi. 23.
 (e) Psal. lxxxiv. 11. (f) Isa. ix. 6. (g) Heb. ii. 10. (h) Prov. xviii.
 24. (i) Matt. xx. 28.—1 Tim. ii. 5, 6. (j) 1 Cor. vi. 20.—
 vii. 23. (k) Isa. xliii. 11.—Luke ii. 11. (l) Prov. xvi. 22.—
 xviii. 4. (m) John vi. 27, - - - 58. (n) Eph. i. 22, 23.
 (o) Matt. xxi. 22. (p) Rom. viii. 32.—1 Cor. iii. 22, 23.
 (q) Matt. xxv. 46. (r) Rom. viii. 17. (s) Jam. i. 17.
 (t) 1 John i. 7.—Rev. v. 9. (u) 1 Pet. iii. 13, 14.
 (v) Eph. iv. 7. (w) 1 John iv. 7, - - - 21. (x) Gal. iv. 26.

- 3 While its riches^y I explore
 My exulting soul expands !
 And, as upon wings^z, doth soar
 To yon blood-besprinkled bands^a :
 Who will kings^b and priests remain
 When the monster death^c is slain !

XCII.

Faith relying on the promise in the time of Affliction.

- 1 **W**HAT are my light^d afflictions here, . . . 8
 Or momentary grief and pain, . . . 8
 Compar'd to glory which is near ? . . . 8
 To that vast weight of solid gain, . . . 8
 Which is prepar'd^e for ev'ry one . . . 8
 Who loves the Lord and him alone. . . 8
- 2 I in Mount Zion^f soon shall be,
 Where God will wipe^g away my tears :
 There Christ in glorious grandeur see^h,
 When all this worldⁱ on fire appears !
 Secure from harm^j, I then shall prove
 His pow'r^k and everlasting-love^l.
- 3 Welcome eternity^m ! how sweet
 And pleasant are my thoughts of thee ?
 O how I long thy joysⁿ to meet,—
 And they are all made sure^o to me ;
 For on the promise^p I rely
 Of God who cannot change^q or lie^r !

(y) Rev. xxi. — xxii. 1, — — 6. (z) Isa. xl. 31. (a) Heb. xii.
 22, 23, 24. (b) Rev. i. 5, 6. (c) 1 Cor. xv. 26. (d) 2 Cor. iv.
 17. (e) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (f) Rev. xiv. 1. (g) Isa. xxv. 8.
 (h) Matt. xxiv. 30. (i) 2 Pet. iii. 10, 11, 12. (j) 1 Pet. iii. 13.
 (k) Matt. xxviii. 18. (l) Jer. xxxi. 3. (m) Isa. lvii. 15.
 (n) Isa. xxxv. 10. (o) 2 Tim. ii. 19. (p) 1 John ii. 25.
 (v) Mal. iii. 6. (r) Tit. i. 2. — Heb. vi. 18.

XCHI.

Faith beholding invisible Realities.

- 1 **L**OOK forth, my soul, beyond the grave . 8
 To what God hath prepar'd^d above : . 8
 A kind release^s thou soon must have . . 8
 And feast on everlasting^t love. . . 8
- 2 This mortal frame^u, like brittle clay,
 Will moulder fast and crumble down;
 Then thy glad wings shall tow'r away,
 And sieze yon never-fading^v crown.
- 3 O what do I by^w faith behold!—
 The promis'd^x city draweth near,
 That's built of jasper and pure gold,—
 And Christ, my loving Saviour there!
- 4 The brightness of his smiling face
 Doth far surpass the sun for light,
 And shews the glory of that place
 Of harmony and sweet delight.
- 5 Thither my happy soul shall fly,
 And prostrate bow before the throne;
 There holy^y, holy, holy cry,
 All thanks and praise to God alone!

XCIV.

Holy Aspirations after Celestial Blessings.

- 1 **M**Y soul breaks forth with strong desire . 8
 To join the bright celestial choir : . 8
 When shall I leave this clay^z to find . . 8
 The crown^a of life for me design'd? . . 8

(f) John xiv. 2, 3. (s) 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54. (t) Jer. xxxi. 3.
 (u) Psal. ciii. 14, 15, 16. (v) 1 Pet. v. 4. (w) Rom. i. 17.
 (x) Rev. xxi. 2, --- 27. — xxii. 3, 14. (y) Rev. iv. 8. (z) Job x. 9.
 — xxxiii. 6. (a) Rev. ii. 10.

- 2 To thee, my God, resign'd I wait
Till fit for an immortal^b state :
When fit, let me not stay, but share
The mansions^c Christ went to prepare.
- 3 Lo, there fulness^d of joy is found,
And ev'ry blessing doth abound :
With winged hope^e I thither fly,
Till hope shall in fruition die.

XCV.

Pleasant Prospects beyond the Grave.

- 1 GREAT^f God, how shall I stand and gaze 8
When thy dread voice^g the dead shall raise, 8
And I my grave in triumph leave 8
A crown^h of glory to receive? 8
All the ransom'dⁱ I shall view, 7
Jesus thronging, 4
And adoring, 4
In glad songs for ever new! 7
- 2 There angels^j and archangels join
With all thy saints, who do combine
To laud^k and magnify^l thy name,
And echo my Redeemer's^m fame!
I shall join this holy strife,
Praising Jesus,
Who to save us,
For our ransomⁿ gave his life!
- 3 My soul exults the crown to wear,
And in thy presence^o to appear :
Lord, hasten that thrice happy day,
Or grant me patience^p here to stay,

(b) Rom. ii. 7. (c) John xiv. 2. (d) Psal. xvi. 11. (e) Rom. v. 2.
(f) Tit. ii. 13. (g) John v. 25, 28, 29. (h) 1 Pet. v. 4.
(i) Isa. xxxv. 10. (j) Rev. v. 9, - - - 13. (k) Rom. xv. 11.
(l) Psal. xxxiv. 3. (m) Psal. xix. 14. (n) 1 Tim. ii. 6.
(o) 1 Chron. xvi. 27.—Col. iii. 4. (p) Heb. x. 36.

All thy righteous will to do ;
 Then in Zion's^a
 Happy regions
 Never-ending^r wonders^f shew.

4 The thoughts of such amazing joy^s,
 And pleasures^t that can never cloy,
 Transport my ravish'd heart away,
 Which longs and pants to see the day :
 Come, Lord Jesus^u, quickly come^v ;
 O my^w Saviour,
 Grant this favour,
 Take me to my Father's^x home.

XCVI.

A longing desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ.

1 **I** Long before the God^r of gods 8
 In Zion^z to appear, 6
 Who hath redeemed^a sinful clods 8
 From sin and servile fear. . . . 6

2 When shall my longing soul depart,
 And leave this house^b of clay ?
 To be with^c Christ, no more to part^d,
 Where pleasure can't decay !

3 Lord, fully fraught my soul with love^e,
 And let a convoy come,
 Of glorious angels^f from above,
 To guard thy servant home.

4 I wait with joy the wish'd-for-hour,
 Nor murmur at thy stay ;
 For lo, I rest on thee for pow'r^g
 'Gainst sin to watch and pray.

(q) Rev. xiv. 1. (r) Luke i. 33. (s) Isa. xxxv.
 10. (t) Psal. xvi. 11. (u) Acts vii. 59. (v) Rev. xxii.
 12, 17, 20. (w) 1 Tim. iv. 10. (x) John xx. 17. (y) Psal. cxxxvi.
 2.—Dan. ii. 47. (z) Psal. lxxxiv. 7.—Rev. xiv. 1. (a) Eph. i. 7.
 (b) Job iv. 19. (c) Phil. i. 23. (d) Rom. viii. 35, 38, 39.
 (e) Jude 21. (f) Luke xvi. 22. (g) John xv. 5.

- 5 O make me faithful to that grace^h,
Which is through Jesus giv'n,
That I may runⁱ with even pace
Through loss and gain to heav'n.

XCVII.

Holy Contemplation, Prayer, and Faith in the Promise.

- 1 **W**HEN shall I hear the trumpet^j sound,
Ye dead in Christ, arise?
Or see the Judge, with glory crown'd,
Descending from the skies!
- 2 O Lord, how glorious^k must the sight
Of thine appearing be?
How full of comfort and delight
To all eternity^l!
- 3 With joy my soul would leave this clay^m,
If I might share thy throneⁿ;
Yet I'm resign'd a while to stay,
Till I thy will^o have done.
- 4 Then let me hear thy sacred voice
Proclaiming my release;
And make me with thy saints rejoice^p,
Where praise shall never cease.
- 5 With Cherubims^q, and Seraphims^r,
And all the host^s on high;
Then I'll unite in endless hymns,
Thy name to magnify.
- 6 There, when the great Millennium's^t past,
Unutterable^u joy
Shall still increase and always last,
Which nothing can destroy!

(h) Rom. v. 1, 2. (i) Heb. xii. 1, 2, 3. (j) 1 Cor. xv. 52.
—1 Thes. iv. 16. (k) Tit. ii. 13. (l) Rev. xxi. 3, 4, 5.
(m) Job xxxiii. 6. (n) Rev. iii. 21. (o) Col. iv. 12.
(p) Rev. xix. 7, 8. (q) Ezek. x. 1, — 22. (r) Isa. vi. 2, 3.
(s) 1 Cor. li. 9.—2 Cor. xii. 4.

† “The Millennium, or Christ's reign on this earth before
“dissolution, is five times expressly limited to a thousand years
“Rev. xx. during which time Satan is to be bound and confined

- 7 O how this soul-transporting thought
 Already swells my breast?
 Hence I set all things else at nought,
 And on thy promise^t rest.

XCVIII.

*A survey of Divine Wisdom and Love, with Hope
 arising therefrom.*

- 1 **O** GOD, I view with sweet delight, . . . 8
 How all things by thy wisdom move^u; . . . 8
 And keep their order^v day and night, . . . 8
 In earth below and heav'n above! . . . 8
- 2 From these I learn it is thy will
 That I my Maker should obey,
 And always thy commands fulfil
 With constancy from day to day.

(t) 1 John ii. 25. (u) Acts xvii. 28. (v) Gen. viii. 22.—
 Psal. xix. 1, 2, 3.—cxxxvi. 5, --- 9.—Prov. vi. 6.—xxx. 25, --- 28.
 —Matt. vi. 26, --- 30.

"the abyfs :—These exprefs years he fhall deceive the nations no more.
 "The Martyrs and Saints of eminence fhall be raifed, live, and reign
 "with Chrift a thoufand years. The fame number of years fhall pafs
 "between the firft and fecond refurrection. After thefe years fhall
 "Satan be loofed a little feafon, and fhall deceive the nations, which
 "are in the four quarters of the earth, &c.; but in the new earth the
 "fervants of God *fhall reign to the ages of ages*, Rev. xxii. 5.—It ap-
 "pears plain that the new earth is fo far from being cotemporary with
 "with the Millennium, that it cannot take place till after the con-
 "flagration; which is an event that St. Peter confidered as certain,
 "but did not, as many now do, reft in a gloomy part of the fcene,
 "but looked forward with glorious expectation to that period when
 "the earth and the heavens, according to the promife of God,
 "fhall be renewed and made a fit habitation for righteoufnefs, or
 "righteous perfons. See 2 Pet. iii. 10, 13.—The earth and heavens
 "fhall pafs away and be diffolved after the Millennium; fhall wax
 "old like a garment; fhall be burnt up, &c.—but the new heavens
 "and the new earth, which God fhall create, fhall remain before him
 "as long as men fhall exift. See Psal. cii. 25, 26.—Heb. i. 10, 11, 12.
 "—2 Pet. iii. 7, 10, 11, 12.—Rev. xx. 11.—xxi. 1.—Ifa. lxvi. 22."
Letter to the Rev. C. E. DE COETLOGON, A. M. by the Author of
Dialogues on the Univerfal Refurrection.

- 3 They make me call to mind what care^w
Thy goodness hath bestow'd on me,
By making me thy child and heir^a,
Though long I sinned against thee.
- 4 Hereby I'm also taught to know,
That thy unalterable love^y,
Will me secure from future wo^z,
And I shall reign^a with thee above.
- 5 In glorious hope^b I therefore wait,
Obedient to thy gracious word;
For all who die^c in this blest state
Will be for ever with the Lord^d!

XCIX.

Love to God, and Prayer for Persevering Grace.

- 1 GREAT God^e, to whom all^f things are known! 8:
G My love is plac'd on thee alone, . . . 8
Which holy flame I can't conceal; . . . 8
And that in setting forth thy praise . . . 8
I wish to spend my latest days, . . . 8
Like *Simon*^g herein I appeal. . . . 8
- 2 Stay with thy waiting servant, Lord,
And strength to persevere^h afford,
That I may in thy wayⁱ remain
Conform'd to all thy law^j divine,—
Till I my spirit^k do resign
By death into thy hands again.
- 3 I long to hear my Saviour say,
Well done^l, good servant, come away!
Meantime I in assurance^m rest,
The promis'd kingdomⁿ soon to see,
Where all that's gone before will be,
And we for ever shall be blest.

(w) Luke xii. 7.—1 Pet. v. 7. (x) Matt. v. 45.—Rom. viii. 14, --- 17. (y) Jer. xxxi. 3. (z) Prov. xii. 21. (a) 2 Tim. ii. 12. (b) Rom. v. 2. (c) Rev. xiv. 13. (d) 1 Thes. iv. 17. (e) Tit. ii. 13. (f) Eccl. xii. 14. (g) John xxi. 15, --- 17. (h) Eph. 6, 18. (i) Psal. xxvii. 11. (j) Matt. xxii. 35, --- 40. (k) Acts vii. 59. (l) Matt. xxv. 21. (m) Isa. xxxii. 17.—Heb. vi. 11.—x. 22. (n) Luke xiii. 28, 29.—Heb. xi. 10.—Rev. xii. 10.

C.

by arising from a sense of the Love of GOD, while
looking for the Restoration of all Intelligences.

I WILL give thanks, and praise the Lord . . . 8
For what his love hath done ; . . . 6
That ALL^o from sin might be restor'd . . . 8
He gave^p his ONLY SON* ! . . . 6
The Son, to do his creatures good, . . . 8
Did freely shed^a his precious blood ! . . . 8
He also hath his Spirit^r giv'n,
The truth to manifest,
Which here reveals the joy^f of heav'n
In ev'ry faithful breast ;
And since in part of this I share,
Now I thy goodness will declare^s.

(p) 1 Tim. ii. 6.—Heb. x. 10. (p) John iii. 16. (q) Mark xiv.
—John xix. 34.—1 Pet. i. 19. (r) Gal. iv. 6. (f) Rom. xiv.
—xv. 13.—Gal. v. 22. (s) Psal. lxvi. 16.

From a full conviction that the Holy Scriptures are true, and
they are the most infallible *outward* rule that we can have to go
I rely wholly on the Spirit of Truth, which is infallible altogether ;
trusting that he will guide me into *all truth*, John xvi. 13. Hence
I will not confine myself as much as possible to the letter *given by in-
spiration of God*, 2 Tim. iii. 16. rather than to the *words which man's
wisdom teacheth*, 1 Cor. ii. 13. or the ramblings of a wild imagination.
I am under the necessity of making a few exceptions, because I
have seen we have some words in the Scriptures which are translated
contrary to the meaning of the original ; but in this place I shall
only take notice of the superfluous use of the word *begotten*.—In
Gen. i. 14, 18.—iii. 16, 18. as well as in some other places, we find
it applied to the great Creator of all things, as if he had in a crea-
tural manner *begotten* a Son ; which certainly conveys a very gross and
misleading idea of the incommunicable, self-subsisting, and everlasting
GOVIAH ! But a learned Correspondent of the Monthly Reviewers,
has made manifest the great impropriety of intruding the word *begotten*
into these places, has, in a letter to them, given us the true interpre-
tation. The letter and the remarks upon it are both very excellently
adapted to inform the judgment : From reading them I received much
satisfaction, and therefore would recommend the reader to a serious
perusal of these worthy labours.—*Monthly Review enlarged for Decem-
ber 1792, vol. ix. p. 479, 480.*

- 3 I'll haste to tell what I have found†,
 What great things he hath wrought,
 That he in ev'ry nation round
 By others^u may be sought,
 Till ALL^v INTELLIGENCES share
 Of his salvation ev'ry where!
- 4 For death^w, and him that hath the pow'r
 Of death shall be destroy'd;
 Though now a devil, he one hour
 Will find God's^x word not void:
 He'll rise from sin, no^y more to fall,
 And own JEHOVAH^z ALL in ALL!
- 5 And ev'ry^a creature will agree,
 In heaven and on earth:
 Under the earth and in the sea,
 To whom he e'er gave birth:
 The whole creation, with one voice,
 Heard saying thus, will then rejoice:
- 6 "Blessing and honour, glory, pow'r
 "To him upon the throne;
 "And to the Lamb for evermore,
 "'Tis due to him alone:
 "To Alpha and Omega^b be
 "Praise without end, for ALL ARE FREE^c!"

(t) Dan. iv. 2. (u) Matt. v. 16. (v) Rev. v. 13. (w) Heb. ii. 14.
 (x) Isa. xlv. 23. (y) Rev. xxi. 4, 5.—xxii. 3. (z) 1 Cor. x. 24, — 28. (a) Rev. v. 13. (b) Rev. i. 8, 11.—xxi. 6.—xxii. 13.
 (c) Ps. cxlv. 9.—cl. 6.—Isa. lvii. 15, 16.—2 Cor. v. 14, 15.—
 Eph. i. 10.—Col. i. 20.—1 Tim. ii. 5, 6.—Phil. ii. 10, 11.—
 1 John ii. 2.—iii. 8.—Rev. xxi. 5.

† Perhaps no words can better describe the experience of true believers than these used by the prophet *Isaiab*, although they were delivered more than 700 years before the coming of CHRIST, which is recorded thus: *And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me. Behold, GOD is my salvation; I will trust, and be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; also is become my salvation,* Isa. xii. 1, 2.

CI.

Faith respecting the promised MILLENNIUM.

L O, I look with joy and wonder . . . 8
 To the Lamb^d of God, (once slain :) . . . 7
 He with glory^e, pomp, and grandeur . . . 8
 Will appear on earth again, . . . 7
 With the right^ous, . . . 4
 Here a thousand^f years[‡] to reign ! . . . 7

Who can tell the great donation,
 Which his Martyrs then shall prove,
 In that glorious dispensation
 Of pure harmony and love,
 When thus honour'd
 With his presence from above ?

Kings and Priests unto their MAKER,
 These will then anointed be :
 Each to reign with Christ, partaker
 Of unknown felicity :
 Eye^g to eye, and
 Face^h to face they him shall see !

O that in the resurrectionⁱ
 I might with the first appear
 One of that most grand selection
 To accompany thee here :
 Such the second^j
 Death again no more can fear.

Thou, through whom I have remission^k
 Of the sins I did commit,
 End my hope in full fruition,
 When thy waiting servant's fit,—
 That for ever
 I may in thy presence sit ! !

d) John i. 29, 36.—Rev. v. 12, 13. (e) Isa. xxiv. 23.—
 i. ii. 13. (f) Rev. xx. 4. (g) Isa. lii. 8. (h) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.
 Rev. xx. 6. (j) Rev. ii. 11. (k) Luke i. 77.—Rom. iii. 25,
 Rev. iii. 21.

‡ See the note, page 88, 89.

CII.

Devout Breathing for a Godlike Mind.

- 1 **J**EHOVAH, just and true^m,
 Visit and me renew^a
 In right'ousness:
 Fill me with love divine,
 That all my works may shine;
 Give me a mind like thine
 Now to possess.
- 2 On thee my hopes depend:
 O let my pray'r ascend
 And find access:
 Let me by faith survey
 Pleasures^o that can't decay,
 That I may urge my way
 Them to possess.
- 3 Joy^p in a future state,
 Which for thy saints doth wait,
 None can express:
 May I be faithful^q found,
 While upon trying ground,
 Till I, with vict'ry crown'd,
 Glory possess.
- 4 Lord Jesus, quickly^r come;
 O take thy servant home
 From all distress:
 Let me, when time's no more^s,
 Always my God adore,
 And with thee evermore
 Glory^s possess.

(m) Rev. xv. 3. (n) Tit. iii. 5.—Phil. ii. 3. (o) Psal. xvi.
 (p) Heb. xii. 2. (q) Rev. ii. 10. (r) Rev. xxii. 20. (s) Rev.
 (t) Col. iii. 4.—1 Pet. v. 10.

CIII.

*The Heart fixed on GOD and looking forward to
Mansions of Glory.*

- 1 **M**Y heart it is fixed^t, and nothing can move^u, 11
Or draw my affections^v from Christ,
whom I love: 11
His name is far sweeter^w than honey to me, 11
And better^x than riches can possibly be! . 11
- 2 For riches^y, and all terrestrial things,
To fly away swiftly do make themselves wings;
But Christ, throughout life and in death doth remain
My helper^z, by whom I shall heaven^a obtain.
- 3 And O, when I come to that thrice happy place,
What charms shall I meet in the smiles of his face?
No tongue can describe, no nor heart^b can conceive
The joy which I there shall for ever receive!
- 4 Meantime, O my God, while I sojourn^c below,
Make this earthen^d vessel with love to o'erflow,
That like my Redeemer, my life here may shine,
Prepar'd for bright mansions^e of glory divine.

CIV.

Devout Breathings for Heaven.

- 1 **F**IR'D with the sacred flames of Jesu's love^f 10
My heart aspires to be with God above! 10
What can it be that makes my spirit rise, . 10
And long so much to be above the skies? . 10

(t) Psal. lvii. 7.—cviii. 1. (u) Acts ii. 25. (v) Col. iii. 2.
(w) Psal. xix. 10.—cxix. 103. (x) Prov. viii. 19. (y) Prov. xxiii. 5.
(z) Heb. xiii. 6, 7, 8. (a) Heb. ix. 24. (b) 1 Cor. ii. 9.
(c) Psal. xxxix. 12.—1 Pet. i. 17. (d) 2 Cor. iv. 7.
(e) John xiv. 2. (f) 1 John iv. 19.

- 2 I wait to hear a whisper, "come away;"
Whene'er it is, I will not then delay:
It can't be long till I unveil'd shall see
The smiling face of him who bled for me!
- 3 Upon the lip, and ready for thy word
My spirit stays, and waiteth for thee, Lord:
O come, thou dear DESIRE OF NATIONS^h! come,
And quickly take thy longing servant home.
- 4 To Father, Son, and to the Holy Ghost†
Ascribe all praise, ye saints and heav'nly host;
As was at first, now is, so shall it be,
World without end to all eternity!

(g) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.—1 John iii. 2.

(h) Hag. ii. 7.

† As Dr. Samuel Clarke well observes in his *Scripture Doctrine of the Trinity*, "We have no clear precept or example in Scripture for putting up *Prayers* and *Doxologies* directly and expressly to the *Holy Spirit*, because the *Holy Spirit* is no where expressly styled *God*;" and to me, as well as this learned Author, it appears to be for this reason, "The *Holy Spirit* is not *self-existent*, but derives his being from the *Father*, (by the *Son*) as from the *Supreme Cause*. The *Father* alone is *self-existent*, *underived*, *unoriginated*, *independent*, *made of none*, *begotten of none*, *proceeding from none*. The *Father* is the *sole origin* of all power and authority,—and is the *author* and *principle* of whatsoever is done by the *Son* or by the *Spirit*. The *Father* alone is in the highest, strict, and proper sense, absolutely *Supreme over all*. The *Father* alone is, absolutely speaking, the *God of the Universe*, and the *God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*. Though the Scripture styles the *Father* *God*, and the *Son* *God*; yet it at the same time always declares there is but *ONE GOD*;" and it is for this plain reason, "because there is in the *Monarchy* of the *Universe* but *One Authority*, original in the *Father*, derivative in the *Son*; therefore the *One God* (absolutely speaking) always signifies him in whom the power or authority is original and underived. The *Holy Spirit*, whatever his metaphysical nature, *Essence*, or *Substance* be, and whatever divine power or dignity ascribed to him in Scripture; yet in this he is evidently *subordinate* to the *Father*, that he derives his being and powers from the *Father*,—the *Father* nothing from him: through the whole dispensation of the *Gospel* he always acts by the *will of the Father*, is *given and sent* by him, *intercedes* to him; and as he is *subordinate* to the *Father*, so he is also in Scripture represented as *subordinate* to the *Son*, both by nature and by the will of the *Father*; excepting only that he is described as being the *Conductor* and *Guide* of our *Lord* during his state of *humiliation* here upon earth. Upon these grounds, *Supreme Honour* is due to the *Father* singly, as being alone the *Supreme* and *Original Author* of all *Being* and *Power*. For the same reason

CV.

On Hearing of the Decease of a Christian Friend.

1 **A**ND has our FRIEND, § so late deceas'd, . . . 8
 Got safe out of this vale of tears, . . . 8
 From ev'ry malady releas'd, . . . 8
 To be oppress'd no more by fears? . . . 8

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(i) Rev. vii. 16, 17.—xxl. 4.

all prayers and praises ought *primarily* or *ultimately* to be directed to the Father, as the *original* and *primary* author of all good. And upon the same account, whatever honour is paid to the Son who redeemed, or to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us, must always be understood as tending finally to the honour and glory of the Father, by whose good pleasure the Son redeemed, and the Holy Ghost sanctifies us: For the *great* *economy*, for the whole dispensation of God towards mankind in Christ, consists and terminates in this; that as all *authority* and *power* is originally in the Father, and from him derived to the Son, and exercised according to the influences of the Holy Spirit; and all communications from God to the Creature are conveyed through the *intercession* of the Son, and by the inspiration and sanctification of the Holy Spirit: So on the contrary, all returns from the creature of prayer and praises, of reconciliation and obedience, of honour and duty to God, are made in and by the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit, through the mediation of the Son, to the Supreme Father and Author of all things." Having therefore, in the words of this fore-mentioned author, frankly declared in what manner I with the few DOXOLOGIES that I have written to be understood, I think the advice given by the ingenious Dr. Bennet cannot, but in this place, be worthy of recommendation. He saith, *that no man's words ought to be strained to an ill sense when they are capable of a good one.* To all who use this moderation, it is obvious that I intend that all the prayers, praise, honour, and adoration which I have in any wise offered either to the SON or to the HOLY SPIRIT, is to be understood as redounding ultimately to the glory of GOD the FATHER. See also a learned Essay on the Doctrine of the Trinity, by Richard Claridge.

§ The Person whose death caused me to write these verses, was the late BARBARA COATES of Hudswell. For some years I knew her to be woman of a very excellent spirit, and much devoted to God. She left this earthly stage at the noon of life, but left no room for any one to doubt of her being numbered with the just: of whom it is said, *Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

- 2 Yes, with joy the spirit's fled
To its eternal long sought rest,
Beyond the regions of the dead;
And is with saints and angels blest !
- 3 There sweetly they their time employ,—
Exulting round their Saviour's throne :
True peace and everlasting joy
Is now secur'd to ev'ry one !
- 4 Their pure celestial tongues^k display
Their kind Redeemer's love and fame !
Their eyes his wounds and scars survey,
And read the honours^l of his name !
- 5 How long, O Lord, must I remain,
And in this tabernacle^m stay ?
Those heav'nly climes, when shall I gain ?
What period brings the happy day ?
- 6 Thy willⁿ be done, I murmur not ;
That time I know must shortly^o be,
When all my pain will be forgot,
For ever swallow'd up in thee !

CVI.

On the AFRICAN Slave-Trade.

- 1 **W**HAT cruel^p monsters are the human race, 10
While they resist^q the overtures of grace ? 10
As if with hell^r there was agreement made, . 10
Some do of theft^s and murder make a trade ! 10

(j) Isa. xxxv. 10. (k) Rev. v. 9, --- 13. (l) Phil. ii. 9, 10, 11.—Rev. xix. 12, --- 16. (m) 2 Cor. v. 1.—2 Pet. i. 14.
(n) Matt. vi. 10.—Luke xi. 2. (o) Rev. i. 1.—xxii. 6. (p) Prov. xii. 10.—Lam. iv. 3. (q) Acts vii. 51.—2 Tim. iii. 8.—Jude 4.
(r) Isa. xxviii. 15, --- 18.

|| See the accounts of the evidences on the Slave-Trade, as laid before the House of Commons.

- 2 Oh, horrid traffic! cruel to extreme!
Lo, men buy men, and their own fellows deem
As much their own as other property;
And force them to perpetual slavery!
- 3 Infants are stole, and from their parents torn,
As if for wo the innocent was born:
Young boys* and girls, when at their homes at play,
Are also caught, and kidnapp'd far away.
- 4 Though Christ saith, as ye would have others do,
So do to them^t,—be kind^s and mercy shew^t:
These *ruffians*, void of pity, love, or shame,
Who thus transgress, assume the *Christian name*!
- 5 No sex or age these wretched monsters spare,
Which fraud or force can any way ensnare!
They foment wars, and stir up men to fight,
As if therein the Most High took delight.
- 6 Their lust, for riches and unlawful gain,
Doth make their crimes far worse than that of *Cain*^u!
He slew his brother in a sullen rage,
But thousands these do slay of ev'ry age!
- 7 Alas! great part of *Africa* with grief
They cause to mourn but shew them no relief:
The coast of *Guinea*, all along the shore,
And its interior kingdoms they explore.
- 8 From *Senegal* to *Angola* they range
Through ev'ry part, however wild or strange:
Across, from *Benim* unto *Bahnesa*,
They hunt, and of their brethren make a prey!
- 9 The most extensive kingdom or empire
Can't satiate these cruel men's desire:
Hence, in most countries, *Ethiopians* are
By white men caught in some infernal snare!

F 2

(f) Luke vi. 31. (s) Eph. iv. 32. (t) Dan. iv. 27.—Mic. vi. 8.
—Matt. v. 7.—Luke vi. 36.—Col. iii. 12. (u) Gen. iv. 8.

* See the Life of *Olaudab Equiano*, (afterwards called *Gustavus Vassa*)
written by himself.

- 10 What human tongue the sufferings can relate,
Of victims brought to this most wretched state?
Beside the grief occasion'd in the mind,
They hunger, pain, and ev'ry torture find.
- 11 Death would by them be thought a welcome friend,
That they might of their hardships find an end!
Yet they are not without hopes of redress;
For God will judge^v those who do them oppress.
- 12 Cease BRITAIN†! be not stain'd with human blood,
But henceforth do thy *Negro brethren* good:
Extend thy laws to set these captives free,
And give them all protection under thee.

(v) Eccl. xii. 14.—Isa. xi. 3, 4.—Matt. xii. 18.—Jam. ii. 13.—
Rev. xx. 13.

† It is an undeniable and most melancholy truth, that this nation has long been stained with the innocent blood of our *Negro Brethren*, for which reason the most High God (who is no respecter of persons) may justly require their blood at our hands; yet, because he is rich in mercy, he suffereth long and is kind: for although their blood, like the blood of righteous *Abel*, is calling for vengeance upon their guilty murders, his infinite goodness has provided means to open our eyes, and to make us truly sensible of the heinous nature of our crime; inasmuch that a clear conviction has almost universally taken place in every breast, and the cry has been, "LET THE CAPTIVES GO FREE." If, after this gracious visitation of divine light, worldly interest should again blind the eyes of individuals, and these by their influence be the means of lulling others to sleep without relieving the oppressed, what favour can we expect from the righteous Judge of quick and dead? *Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?* Gen. xviii. 25. Behold, *God is not a man, that he should lie*, Numb. xxiii. 19. Therefore he will judge betwixt the oppressor and the oppressed, and reward every man according to his works, Matt. xvi. 27. Let us remember what tefel PHARAOH, King of Egypt, and the numerous host of hard-hearted and oppressive task-masters, which he set over the children of *Israel*, Exod. v. &c. If the Almighty made them public examples of his righteous displeasure, because they would not let his people go, he may speedily do the same to us, if we do not *undo the heavy burdens and let the oppressed go free*, Isa. lviii. 6. But from the measures which have lately been adopted in favour of those oppressed *Ethiopians*, and from the Spirit of Philanthropy which so much prevails in their behalf, I earnestly hope, and devoutly pray that they may obtain their LAWFUL RIGHT, which is a deliverance from the servile chains of Slavery.

- 13 My soul, let love and pity shed a tear,
And ask of God, who doth the righteous^w hear,
That he may change the wicked hearts of those
Who equity and justice do oppose.
- 14 Pray that these sons^x of *Belial* may see
Themselves, and these whom they oppress set free;
And O use ev'ry lawful means that may
Contribute to put SLAVERY away!

CVII.

On the Nativity of CHRIST.

- 1 **A**NGELS with joy good^y news do bring; 8
My soul, attend and humbly sing: 8
Now celebrate with solemn mirth 8
The time of the Messiah's birth. 8
- 2 Christ, whom the prophets^z long foretold,
Just *Simeon*^a did at length behold;
Then did his eyes salvation see,
A light to set the *Gentiles* free!
- 3 Far hence, ye doubts, no more appear,—
Cease, thou base tyrant, slavish fear^b!
For love^c, and joy, and peace is given,
And my dark hell is turn'd to heav'n.
- 4 The Sun of Righteousness^d doth shine
With bright effulgent rays divine:
In vain, ye gloomy shades of night,
Your darkness can't conceal this light^e!
- 5 His grace^f and truth, from day to day,
Doth God's design of love display:
In him ALL NATIONS^g shall be blest,
And find the way to endless rest!

F 3

(w) Psal. xxxiv. 15.—Jam. v. 16. (x) Judg. xix. 22.—
1 Sam. ii. 12.—2 Sam. xxiii. 6.—1 Kin. xxi. 10. (y) Luke ii. 10.
(z) Luke i. 70. (a) Luke ii. 25, - 37. (b) Heb. ii. 15.
(c) Gal. v. 22. (d) Mal. iv. 2. (e) John i. 9. (f) John i. 17.
(g) Gal. iii. 8.

CVIII.

On the Sufferings and Death of CHRIST.

- 1 **O** My God^h, thee will I praise, . . . 7
 And thy mightyⁱ acts declare ! . . . 7
 Just^j and true are all thy ways ; . . . 7
 Yet for us thou didst not spare^k, . . . 7
 But thine ONLY SON^l didst give,— . . . 7
 For to die, that we might live ! . . . 7
- 2 Lord, increase true faith in me,
 That I may his love admire ;
 And, as hanging^m on the tree,
 View him ready to expire :
 Prayingⁿ with his latest breath,
 “ Save mine enemies from death ! ”
- 3 Lo ! MY GOD^o ! MY GOD ! he cries,
 WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME ?
 Yielding up the Ghost^p, he dies
 With a will^q resign’d and free :
 He endur’d the curse^r for all
 To redeem us from the fall.
- 4 Love ! ’twas love^s divine indeed :
 Such great love as none can show !
 Distant worlds^t may gaze and read ;
 Its effects the worst^u shall know :
 All things in the end will find
 Good is still for them design’d !

(h) Psal. cxviii. 28. (i) Psal. cxlv. 4. (j) Rev. xv. 3.
 (k) Rom. viii. 32. (l) John iii. 16. (m) Acts v. 30. (n) Luke xxiii.
 34. (o) Matt. xxvii. 46.—Mark xv. 34. (p) Matt. xxvii. 50.
 —Mark xv. 37.—Luke xxiii. 46.—John xix. 30. (q) Matt. xxvi.
 42.—Luke xxii. 42.—Heb. x. 7. (r) Gal. iii. 13. (s) 1 John iii.
 1, 2. (t) 1 Pet. i. 12. (u) Rev. v. 13.

- 5 O that all within my heart
Now may feel the sacred flame:
Let thy jealous^u spirit part
Ev'ry rival from the same:
Make me while on earth possess
Perfect^v peace and holiness.
- 6 Reign sole Monarch in my breast,—
There display thy glory bright;
Then above, among the blest,
Where the Lamb^w will be the light,
I eternally^x shall prove
Riches rising out of love!

CIX.

*On the Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of
CHRIST.*

- 1 **A**WAKE, my soul, and call to mind . . . 8
The wonders of redeeming^y love! . . . 8
How full and free to lost mankind? . . . 8
The worst^z may all its virtues prove. . . . 8
- 2 What love indeed was this to man,
That God his ONLY SON should give^a;
Who in his infant state began
On earth a suff'ring life to live?
- 3 He freely^b undertook our cause,
To bring us back from Satan's^c fold;
And to fulfil his Father's laws
Was circumcis'd^d at eight days old!

F 4

(u) Ezek. xxxix. 25. (v) Matt. v. 48. (w) Rev. xxi. 23.
(x) Jer. xxxi. 3.—Rev. xii. 5. (y) Rev. v. 9. (z) Isa. xlv.
22.—lii. 10. (a) John iii. 16. (b) Rom. iii. 24. (c) Acts xxvi.
18. (d) Luke ii. 21.

- 4 His voice did in the Temple sound
Among the learned Doctors^e there :
Their human wisdom to confound,
Till all that heard astonish'd were !
- 5 He daily travell'd^f to and fro,
And joyful news to sinners spread :
Affected with our present wo,
He heal'd the sick and rais'd the dead !
- 6 The sins^g of all the world he bare
At once to save the fallen race !
And prostrate spent whole nights in pray'r^h,
Till sweatⁱ as blood dropt from his face !
- 7 For sin, I with the *Jews* must blush,
Who him did mock^j, deride, and scorn ;
Spit in his face, scourge, tear, and crush
His flesh, and crown his head with thorn !
- 8 O trace him to *Mount Calvary*^k ;
There view the suff'ring Son of God !
Curst^l, while hanging on a tree ;
All cover'd with his precious^m blood !
- 9 Lō, with his last expiring groan,
He pray'd for all the fallen race !
Father, forgiveⁿ, O pass by none,—
'Tis finish'd^o ! now proclaim free grace !
- 10 To make his love still more appear,
While Christ was thus an off'ring made :
His side was pierc'd^p with a spear,
Then in the tomb^q his corps was laid.

(e) Luke ii. 45. (f) Matt. iv. 23.—ix. 35.—Mar. vi. 6.—
Acts x. 38. (g) 1 Pet. ii. 24. (h) Luke vi. 12. (i) Luke xxii.
44. (j) Matt. xxvii. 29, 30, 31.—Mark xv. 17, 18, 19, 20.—
Luke xxii. 63, 64, 65.—John xix. 5. (k) Matt. xxvii. 33.—
Luke xxiii. 33. (l) Gal. iii. 13. (m) 1 Pet. i. 19.
(n) Luke xxiii. 34. (o) John xix. 30. (p) Zech. xii. 10.—
John xix. 34, — 37.—Rev. i. 7. (q) Matt. xxvii. 60.

11 Well might the sun^r withdraw its rays,
And nature to her centre quake:
Saints leave their graves with great amaze,
While thus he dy'd our peace to make.

12 Stand all amaz'd, O earth and hell!
He rose^t triumphant from the dead;
And to redeem all those who fell
Captivity^e he captive led!

13 He hath ascended^t up on high,
Bright mansions^u for me to prepare:
I rest in hope, the time is nigh
That I shall dwell for ever there!

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(r) Matt. xxvii. 45, ---- 54. (r) Matt. xxviii. 5, --- 10.
(s) Psal. lxviii. 18.—Eph. iv. 8. (r) Mark xvi. 19.—Luke xxiv.
51. (u) John xiv. 2.

END OF THE FIRST PART.

PART SECOND.

CX.

On the Creation, Fall, and Restoration.

- 1 **I**N the beginning^a thou, O Lord, hast laid 10
 Earth's vast foundations, and all things
 hath made: 10
 The mighty seas, the heav'n's, and also hell^b; 10
 With all that breathe, and in those regions dwell. 10
- 2 And at the first all things was very good^c,
 Which so remain'd while Satan faithful stood;
 But lo, his pride and envy did inspire,
 And fill'd him and his dwelling-place with fire.
- 3 (Still broken off from God he doth remain;
 And doom'd to hell^d he there must suffer pain,
 Till sin in ev'ry species of the fall
 Shall end, and God again be ALL^e in ALL!)
- 4 Thus enter'd sin^f, death, darkness, wrath, and fire,
 With ev'ry base inordinate desire:
 Hence Satan envy'd man, whom God had made,
 And by his lies^g our parents were betray'd^h.
- 5 He by his crafty wilesⁱ did soon deceive,
 And overcame our mother parent *Eve*;
 Nor did our parent *Adam* stronger prove,
 But sinn'd likewise against the God of love!

(a) Gen. i. 1. (b) Isa. xxy. 33.—John i. 3. (c) Gen. i. 31.
 (d) 2 Pet. ii. 4.—Rev. xx. 10. (e) 1 Cor. xv. 28. (f) 1 John iii. 8.
 (g) Gen. iii. 4, - - 6. (h) Gen. iii. 13. (i) Eph. vi. 11.

- 6 Lord^l, what is man that thou for us doth care?
Or why didst thou our guilty parents spare?
We own both them, and us deserv'd to be
Cast into hell to weep in misery.
- 7 O how amazing is thy boundless love,
That Christ should come and our Redeemer^k prove!
Whilst fallen angels bear exquisite pains,
Till the great day, in everlasting^l chains.
- 8 Amazing, that the Son of God should bleed^m!
That sinful men might from the curseⁿ be freed:
He freely dy'd^o, and did atonement^p make,
That all men might of endless life partake.
- 9 Let *Adam*, and his sinful progeny,
Through ev'ry age sing endless praise to thee:
For thou, O Lord^q, art worthy to receive
Much higher praise than sinful worms can give!
- 10 But teach us, Lord, to love thy righteous^r ways,
And with thy blessings crown our latest days,
Till death^r, the last of all our foes be slain,
And we our former paradise^s regain.

CXI.

On the amazing Power of Divine Love.

- 1 **A**L MIGHTY, O amazing Love^t! 8
Thy all-creating pow'r divine, 8
Hath made^u all worlds and things that move, 8
However bright their glories shine; 8
And man^v, as Lord of pow'r possess'd, 8
Was set to rule above the rest. 8

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- (j) Psal. viii. 4.—Heb. ii. 6. (k) Gal. iii. 13. (l) Jude 6.
(m) Luke xxii. 44.—John xix. 34.—1 Pet. i. 19. (n) Gal. iii. 10.
(o) Rom. v. 6.—xiv. 9. (p) Rom. v. 11. (q) Rev. iv. 11.
(r) Prov. viii. 20.—xvi. 31.—Isa. xxvi. 7.—xxxv. 8.—Rev. xv. 3.
(s) 1 Cor. xv. 26. (t) 1 John iv. 8. --- 16.
(u) John i. 3. (v) Gen. i. 28.

2 O thou most injur'd goodness! why
 When man thine image^w had defac'd^x
 By sin, and was condemn'd to die?
 Why was he spar'd? or why embrac'd?
 O matchless mercy! who can tell
 What kept the guilty out of hell?

3 What was it else but love alone?
 Love infinite! that could do thus?
 God's only Son^y came to atone,
 Who gave^z himself to die for us!
 And lo, how full and free this grace^a?
 It still appears to all our race.

4 Salvation^b over sin and death
 Shall in the end to all be giv'n:
 His praise^c, therefore, with ev'ry breath,
 By all that breathe through earth and heav'n,
 Be jointly sung in highest strains,
 Who^d over all triumphant reigns!

CXII.

*Infinite Wisdom and Divine Power displayed in the
 Works of Creation, &c.*

1 **T**HE mighty God^e! who form'd the hills,
 And did set^f bounds unto the sea:
 Heaven^g and earth^h thy glory fills;
 All things derive their lifeⁱ from thee!
 The sun^j and moon, and stars above,
 Alone by thine appointment move!

(w) Gen. i. 27. (x) Gen. iii. 6. (y) Matt. iii. 17.—xvii. 5.
 —Rom. v. 11. (z) Gal. i. 4.—Eph. v. 25.—1 Tim. ii. 6.—
 Tit. ii. 14. (a) Tit. ii. 11.—Heb. ii. 9. (b) Luke i. 69, 77.—
 iii. 6.—Acts iv. 12.—Heb. v. 9. (c) Psal. cl. 6. (d) Rom. ix. 5.
 (e) Isa. ix. 6.—xl. 12.—xlv. 18. (f) Gen. i. 9.—Psal. civ. 9.—
 Job xxvi. 10. (g) Psal. xix. 1. (h) Isa. vi. 3. (i) Gen. i.
 19, ———, 22. (j) Gen. i. 16.

- 2 Nature's immense variety
Of matter, colour, shape, and kind;
All elements (whate'er they be)
Thou made^k according to thy mind;
And thine Almighty pow'r doth still
Make^l these subservient to thy will!
- 3 Though *Satan* sinn'd^m, he thereby fell
For which he out of heav'n was castⁿ:
Hence, that like him man might rebel,
He tempted^o and o'ercame at last;—
Eve first, then *Adam* did believe
His lies which did them both deceive.
- 4 Alas! and are we still averse
To do according to thy mind?
'Tis so, but Lord, our sins disperse,
And let us all that power^p find,
Which brings salvation from above:
Grant this, most gracious God^q of love!

CXIII.

*On the Creation and Fall, and the means provided for
our Recovery.*

- 1 JEHOVAH^r Lord! all praise to thee, . . . 8
Whose all-creating^r word 6
Did firmly fix the sure decree; 8
When lo! with one accord, 6
The spacious heav'ns^s, and earth, and skies, . . . 8
From chaos all did swiftly rise! 8
- 2 The brute creation next were made,
Which when pronounced good,
Let us make man, JEHOVAH said!
To rule the num'rous brood:
And man he made his chief delight,
Which bore his glorious image bright!

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i. 6.
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ix. 9
v. 9
Gen. ii.

(k) Isa. xlv. 24.—John i. 3. (l) Nah. i. 4, &c.—Matt. v. 45.
—Heb. ii. 8. (m) 1 John iii. 8. (n) 2 Pet. ii. 4.—Rev. xx. 10.
(o) Gen. iii. 4, &c. (p) 2 Tim. i. 7. (q) 1 John iv. 8, 16.
(r) Psal. lxxxiii. 18. (s) John i. 3. (t) Gen. i. 1, &c.

- 3 But soon the crafty *serpent*^t fought
 God's fav'rites to beguile:
 He tempted them to eat the fruit
 Which did their souls defile:
 Hence, for obeying *Satan's* voice,
 God drove them out of Paradise.
- 4 And *Adam*, after this sad fate,
 Did children^u soon beget;
 Who also did degenerate,
 Break, and God's law forget;
 As they did, so^v do we repeat
 The crime, his law to violate.
- 5 Amazing love! 'twas great indeed!
 When man fell God was led
 To give his son, the promis'd seed^w,
 To bruise the *serpent's* head;
 And in due time^x Christ did appear,
 Who dy'd^y to bring salvation near!
- 6 He rose^z triumphant o'er the grave,
 And conquer'd^a death and hell,
 Our sinful captive souls to save,
 Which from his glory fell,
 To raise us from this wilderness
 Again to live in endless blifs.
- 7 And for his sake on earth our lives
 Are spar'd from year to year;
 His spirit^b with poor sinners strives,
 And bids the worst draw near:
 All may eternal^c life receive,
 Who do in Jesus Christ^d believe!

(t) Gen. iii. 1, &c. (u) Gen. iv. 1, &c. (v) Rom. iii. 23.
 (w) Gen. iii. 15. (x) Rom. vi. 6.—1 Tim. ii. 6. (y) Matt. xxvii.
 50. (z) Matt. xxviii. 6.—Acts ii. 24, --- 32. (a) Eph. iv. 8.—
 Heb. ii. 8, --- 14.—1 Tim. iii. 16. (b) Acts ii. 17, 18.—
 Rev. xxii. 17. (c) 1 John ii. 25. (d) Acts x. 34.—xiii. 39.

CXIV.

CHRIST *the* SECOND ADAM *hath* regained *what the*
former Adam *lost*.

- 1 **D**YING worms^e are call'd to live^f, . . . 7
 Who then would not life receive? . . . 7
 Who for sin would madly die, . . . 7
 When redemption is so nigh? . . . 7
- 2 Christ the SECONDS^g ADAM came,
 Praise! for ever praise his name!
 He the *former Adam's* loss
 Hath regain'd upon the cross^h.
- 3 Hence, Christ is our wayⁱ to heav'n,
 Through whom finners are forgiv'n:
 All by faith^j in him may prove
 God unchangeably is LOVE^k!

CXV.

The Universality of the Love of GOD, as set forth in
his Gospel.

- 1 **T**O Jew^l and Gentile, just the same, . . . 8
 Barbarian, Scythian, ev'ry name; . . . 8
 To all mankind, both bond and free, . . . 8
 The gospel preaches LIBERTY^m! . . . 8
- 2 Come near with joy, attend the sound,
 Ye who are fast in fetters bound;
 Repentⁿ for sin, in Christ believe,
 And pardon^o from the Lord receive.

(e) Job xxv. 6.—Psal. xxii. 6. (f) Ezek. xviii. 32. (g) Rom. v. 6, . . . 18.—1 Cor. xv. 22, &c. (h) Eph. ii. 16.—Col. i. 20.
 (i) John xiv. 6. (j) Gal. iii. 25. (k) 1 John iv. 3, 16.
 (l) Rom. x. 12.—Gal. iii. 28.—Col. iii. 11. (m) Isa. lxi. 1.—
 Luke iv. 18.—Rom. viii. 21.—2 Cor. iii. 17.—Gal. v. 1. (n) Mar. i.
 15. (o) Isa. lv. 7.—Mic. vii. 18.

- 3 Exalt^p his name, ye sinful race,
By acquiescing with his grace :
Take care and never grieve^a him more,
For fear he shut* too Mercy's door^r.
- 4 Rise, Jesus^r, calls you, come away,
Make no excuse, no longer stay ;
Come quickly to the PRINCE OF PEACE^s,
And all your doubts and fears shall cease.

(p) Psal. xxxiv. 3.—xcix. 5. 9.—cvii. 32.—cxviii. 28. (q) Eph. iv. 30. (r) Luke xiii. 25.—John x. 9. (s) Matt. xi. 28.—John vii. 37. (t) Isa. ix. 6.

* He that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth ; and shutteth, and no man openeth : He hath set before us an open door, and no man can shut it, Rev. iii. 7, 8. Through which, if we enter, he will give us to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God, Rev. ii. 7. For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting ; and his truth endureth to all generations, Psal. c. 5. Yet all those who reject the commandment of God, Mark vii. 9. they are enemies of the cross of Christ, Phil. iii. 18. under the curse of the law, Gal. iii. 10. in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity, Acts viii. 23. And cannot escape the wrath to come, 1 Thes. i. 10. but by doing the work of God, which is to believe on him whom he hath sent, John vi. 29. who is the only Son of God, John iii. 18. full of grace and truth, John i. 14. Let us therefore carefully attend to the gracious words that proceeded out of his mouth, Luke iv. 22. Read Matt. v.—vi.—vii.—xi. 28, 29, 30.—John vi. 35, 37.—vii. 37, 38.—Rev. xxii. 17. These, and many other passages too numerous to mention, shew how the Scriptures abound with free invitations and faithful promises to all returning sinners. Hence we see the Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him, Lam. iii. 25. and by mercy and truth iniquity is purged from them, Prov. xvi. 6. But they that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy, Jonah ii. 8. and through contempt of the law of God, and despising the riches of his goodness, and forbearance, and long-suffering, their hearts become hard and impenitent ; and by so doing, all the wicked treasure up for themselves wrath against the day of wrath, and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man according to his deeds, Rom. ii. 5, 6. Dreadful thought ! What will all those do in that tremendous day, who now fill up their sin ? 1 Thes. ii. 16. so far as to become vessels of wrath fitted for destruction, Rom. ix. 22. These will then know assuredly, that the MASTER of the house is risen up, and hath shut too the door, Luke xiii. 25. And that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, Heb. x. 31. For the wicked shall be turned into hell, Psal. ix. 17. and tormented in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, Rev. xxi. 8. till they receive a reward according to their works, Matt. xvi. 27.

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(v)
2, 3.

5 Thus may all^t nations fully prove
The pow'r of God's redeeming love;
Though many to the feast have come,
For multitudes there still is room^u.

6 Then let us crowd his courts with joy,
And to his praise our time employ,
For all eternally may be
Releas'd from death^v and misery.

CXVI.

*A Paraphrase of the invitation which God has given,
Isa. lv. 1, 2, 3.*

HO! ev'ry one that thirsteth come^w, . . . 8
Unto the living waters haste: . . . 8
Ye wine and milk, (though far from home) . . . 8
And purest streams of life may taste. . . 8

Food, without money, buy and eat,
Christ fully paid redemption's price^x!
And all the hungry doth intreat,
No more to feed on sin and vice.

Wherefore do ye your money spend,
For that which is not living bread?
Where will your faithless labours end,
Who only of dead^y works have fed?

"Hearken unto me," saith the Lord!

"And freely eat that which is good:

"Fatness abounds through all my word;

"I to the faithful soul am food!

"Delight yourselves alone in me;

"Feast on my grace, and ye shall live:

"The covenant I make shall be

"David's sure mercies still to give!

(t) Gen. xviii. 18.—Acts x. 35, 36.—Rev. vi. 9. (u) Luke xiv.

(v) 1 Cor. xv. 26.—Heb. ii. 14.—Rev. xxi. 4. (w) Isa. lv.

2, 3. (x) 1 Cor. vi. 20.—vii. 23. (y) Heb. ix. 14.

CXVII.

God's *Expostulatory Counsel to Sinners, and their
good Admonition to each other.*

- 1 **E**XALT^z the Lord! ye nations all,
Bow^a down with joy before his face,
And hear his universal call
To ev'ry child of *Adam's* race!
- 2 "I am the Lord^b! there's none besides;
"Lo there is no true God but me!
"My arm made all things, and provides
"For their support what I decree!
- 3 "Look unto me and be ye fav'd;
"I only, I alone am God!
"Ye fallen race by sin enslav'd,
"Chuse ye my sceptre or my rod.
- 4 "I will in no^c wise cast one out,
"Whose faith is sincere and upright!
"Why will ye die^d? or be in doubt?
"Since I to save you much delight!"
- 5 Thus spake the Lord, whose word and pow'r
From age to age is still the same,
To save his creatures^e and restore
The worst from misery and shame!
- 6 Come, fellow sinners, let us rise
And God invoke for help to-day;
Although he reigns above the skies,
He hears the needy^f when they pray.
- 7 To humble^g men his aid is sure;
Their pray'r cannot return in vain:
They from all sin shall be made pure^h,
And then with Christ for ever reign!ⁱ

(z) Psal. xxxiv. 3.—xcix. 5, 9. (a) Psal. xcv. 6. (b) Isa. xli. 21.
—xliii. 11.—xlv. 18, --- 23. (c) John vi. 37. (d) Ezek. xviii. 2 C
31.—xxxiii. 11. (e) Rev. v. 13. (f) Isa. xli. 17. (g) Luke xii. 7, 18.
11.—xviii. 14. (h) 1 John iii. 3. (i) Rev. xxii. 3, 4, 5. —Joh

CXVIII.

Invitation, Expostulation, and Prayer.

THE God of truth ! who cannot^j lie ! . . . 8
 Who all men ought to glorify, . . . 8
 Doth now invite^k the human race . . . 8
 To be partakers of his grace ! . . . 8

JEHOVAH ! by himself doth swear^l . . .
 'Tis not his pleasure^m one should bear
 The curse from which we cannot fly,
 But through Christⁿ, who for sin did die.

Hence he *Manassahs*^o will forgive,—
 And *Magdalenes*^p, who him believe :
 If *prodigals*^q returning come,
 They in his loving arms find room^r !

None need to say, shall I ascend^s
 To heav'n, seek this sinner's friend ?
 He ev'ry^t where doth sinners meet,
 And his kind visits oft repeat.

Both day and night his spirit waits,
 And in each breast expostulates :
 There while he doth the truth explain
 He shews we must be born^t again.

But lo ! like *Nicodemus*, we
 Say (wond'ring) how can this thing be ?
 And unbelief prevents his grace,
 Or this great change would soon take.

May we therefore no longer grieve^u
 Thy spirit, Lord, but Christ believe,
 Till ev'ry soul is brought to prove,
 The fulness of redeeming love.

(j) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18. (k) Isa. xlv. 22. (l) Isa. xlv. 23.—
 zek. xxxiii. 11. (m) Ezek. xviii. 32. (n) Acts iv. 12.
 (p) 2 Chron. xxxiii. 11, — 23. (q) Luke xv. 2. (r) Luke xv.
 7, 18, &c. (s) Luke xiv. 22. (t) Rom. x. 6, &c. (u) Prov. xv.
 —John i. 9. (v) John iii. 3, — 18. (w) Eph. iv. 30.

CXIX.

*The mission of GOD to his Ministers, and his call
through their Ministry to Sinners.*

- 1 **T**O all^v the world the Lord hath sent
His chosen ministers to call
On ev'ry sinner to repent^w,
And offer his free^x grace to ALL!
- 2 Most gladly they his gospel preach,
That ev'ry creature may believe
On Jesus, in whose name they teach
The world his blessings to receive.
- 3 By them he calls the maim'd, the blind,
The poor, the needy, the oppress'd,
The troubled, weary, burthen'd mind,
And shews them all the way to rest^y.
- 4 He calls the vilest of the race,
Who do not cloak^z or hide their sin,—
And makes those sure of pard'ning grace,
Who seek it praying^a from within.
- 5 But proud self-righteous *Pharisees*^b,
Who their own works or merits plead,
Do Christ reject^c, and dwell at ease,
In love with praise, on which they feed.
- 6 Christ to repentance^d did not call
The righteous, but those that were lost:
Let all who sinn'd then own the fall,
For none of works has room to boast^e.
- 7 Whate'er is wrong, we must confess^f,
And fig-leaf^g cov'rings wear no more:
Cease wholly from self-righteousness,
Whereon our hopes were built before.

(v) Mark xvi. 15. (w) Acts iii. 19. (x) Rom. iii. 24.
viii. 32. (y) Matt. xi. 28. (z) Prov. xxviii. 13. (a) 1 Sam. i.
12, 13. (b) Luke xviii. 11, 12. (c) Mark vii. 6, — — —
(d) Mat. ix. 13.—Mark. ii. 17.—Luke v. 32. (e) Rom. iii. 27.—
Eph. ii. 9. (f) 1 John i. 9. (g) Gen. iii. 7.

- 8 No other name^h but Jesus can
The curse for sin or death remove:
He tasted^l death for every man,
That ALL might his salvation prove!
- 9 Should we neglect^l, we've no excuse,
And can't escape the wrath^k to come,
For as we good or evil chuse,
We shall^l be blest or have our doom.
- 10 O let us not objections make,
While we may have our sins forgiv'n:
It cannot harm us to partake
A present^m and eternal^a heav'n.

CXX.

The Joyful Sound.

- S**INNERS attend the joyful sound^o; . . . 8
The gospel's preach'd to all around! . . . 8
Come now by faith, to Jesus come, . . . 8
While he prevents your dreadful doom, . . . 8
For in his loving arms there's room . . . 8
For all^p mankind! . . . 4
- No more reject JEHOVAH's grace;
'Tis free for all the human race;
For, by his spirit, he doth move
In ev'ry breast, that we may prove
How universal[†] is his love
To all mankind!

(h) Acts iv. 12. (i) Heb. ii. 9. (j) Heb. ii. 3. (k) Matt. iii. 7.
—Luke iii. 7.—Rom. ii. 5.—Rev. vi. 16, 17. (l) Matt. xvi. 27.
—Rev. xxii. 12. (m) Luke xvii. 21. (n) 2 Pet. i. 11.
o) Luke viii. 1.—Acts xiii. 32, - - - 39.—Rom. v. 6, - - - 18.
p) Psal. c. 5.—cxlv. 9.—Luke xiv. 22.—John i. 9.—Rom. xl. 32.
—Heb. ii. 9.—1 Tim. ii. 4, - - - 6.—2 Pet. iii. 9.—Rev. xxii. 17.

† I think it quite needless to quote many passages of Scripture to
prove the universality of God's love to his creatures, and of his
willingness to save them, because the sacred pages do, from first to

3 Why then should we refuse to live,
 Who may eternal life receive?
 My fellow sinners come with me,
 God's great salvation let us see,
 Through Christ, who dy'd on *Calvary*^a
 For all mankind!

4 Now and henceforth, with one accord,
 Let us in all things serve the Lord;
 Do with delight his righteous will,
 And that sweet law^r of love fulfil,
 Of him who shews his mercy still
 To all mankind!

5 Then we true joy and peace shall find,
 Who thus possess a godlike mind:
 Heirs^r and joint-heirs shall also be
 With Jesus Christ, who made us free!
 For God's design is liberty†
 To all mankind!

(q) Luke xxiii. 33. (r) Gal. v. 14.—Jam. ii. 8.
 (s) Rom. viii. 17.

last, abound with the most loving invitations and gracious promises that could possibly be given; insomuch, that none who have ever heard the joyful sound of the Gospel can have any just cause to doubt but that God so loved the world, that he gave his ONLY SON, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life, John iii. 16. But it may perhaps be needful to enforce this exhortation; Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon, Isa. lv. 6, 7.

† Not licentious Liberty or any thing that has a tendency to lead thereunto, but that TRUE LIBERTY which was first spoken of by the Prophet, Isa. lxi. 1, 2, 3.; and afterwards rehearsed by the promised MESSIAH, whom the Father anointed and sent to preach. Being at Nazareth, we are told that, as the custom was, he went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath-day, and stood up for to read: and there was delivered unto him the book of the Prophet ESAIAS; and, when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, the spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of the sight to the blind, to set at LIBERTY them that are bruised, &c. Luke iv. 16, 17, 18. The Liberty here spoken

CXXI.

A Call to Sinners.

1 **SINNERS** to righteousness awake,
 And ev'ry evil way forsake:
 The Lord stands knocking^t at the door
 To save the needy and the poor^u. 8

2 Open your hearts, and part with sin,
 To let the PRINCE^v of PEACE come in;
 For all things are his own to give,
 And lo! he bids you turn^w and live. 8

3 Turn, sinners turn, why will you die?
 The Lord himself repeats the cry!
 And freely will his grace^x impart
 To ev'ry sincere waiting heart. 8

4 Confess your sins, and ask in pray'r
 That you may now his blessings share;
 And when you have acceptance found,
 Let grateful songs of praise abound. 8

CXXII.

The Wicked have no Peace, but we are called to Repentance and Faith.

1 **NO** peace^y can wicked men enjoy, 8
 Whose sins are unforgiv'n, 6
 Till they do earnestly employ 8
 Their thoughts in search of heav'n. 6

(s) 1 Cor. xv. 34.

(t) Rev. iii. 20.

(u) Isa. xli. 17.

(v) Isa. ix. 6.

(w) Prov. i. 23.—Ezek. xviii. 21, --- 32.

(x) Psal. lxxxiv. 11.

(y) Isa. xlviii. 22.—lvii. 20, 21.

There is a deliverance from sin, and the curse of a broken law; and this every one may experience through faith in his name. How far we may be delivered from outward troubles before and during the Millennium is uncertain; but in the new earth, it is certain there shall be no more curse, no more pain, no more sorrow, no more death,—for the former things, which are sin and its consequences, shall all pass away: for he, whose words are true and faithful, hath said, Behold I make all things new! See Rev. xxi. 4, 5.—xxii. 3.

- 2 But like the troubled sea, whose waves
Do cast up mire and dirt,
In fruitless toil, alas ! poor slaves,
They all their strength exert.
- 3 They also misery must have,
Who thus their lives have spent;
And unknown wo², beyond the grave,
Except they here repent^a.
- 4 Repent^b, therefore, ye insincere,
The God of truth believe !
So shall you find salvation near,
And his free grace receive.

CXXIII.

Prayer and Expostulatory Counsel.

- 1 **O** That the foolish^c were made wise^d,
To understand and God believe;
For few^e, alas ! their welfare prize,
Or seek salvation to receive.
- 2 Yet ought we to consider well,
The misery^f that will attend
Those who secure a place in hell,
As soon as this short life shall end.
- 3 Shall ev'ry means be try'd in vain
Us stubborn creatures to convert;
And we still after all remain
Rebellious and unchang'd in heart ?
- 4 Shall we resist the Saviour's love,
Who for our sakes so much hath done ?
And spurn at mercy from above
Till its too late his wrath to shun ?

(2) Psal. ix. 17.

(a) Luke xiii. 3, 5.

*(b) Acts iii. 19.

(c) Psal. xiv. 1.—Jer. v. 21.

(d) Deut. xxxii. 29.

(e) Matt. vii.

14. (f) Luke xvi. 23, 24.

- 5 God's not a man^s, that he should change,
 JEHOVAH cannot^h speak a lie!
 His wayⁱ to sinners may seem strange,
 But who can counsel^j the Most High?
- 6 Our wisdom^k, as if built on shame,
 Before the all-wise God must fall!
 Then let us now, in Jesu's name,
 Unite and for salvation call.

CXXIV.

The danger of living and dying in Sin.

- 7 **A** LAS! we stand in jeopardy^l, 8
 Expos'd to death^m and misery; 8
 Who after this vain worldⁿ do walk 8
 In foolish jests^o and wicked talk. 8
- 8 Or if we spend this mortal life
 In envy^p, malice, wrath, and strife,
 Most dreadful then will be our fate,
 When passing to a future state.
- 9 For sin^q, whatever sort we love,
 Will make us unknown sorrow prove—
 If unconverted we remain,
 And die before we're born again^r.
- 4 What will such do in that dread day,
 When heav'n and earth shall pass away^s!
 For all must then to judgment come^t,
 To their reward or dreadful doom!

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f(g) Numb. xxiii. 19. (h) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18.
 (i) Ezek. xviii. 25. (j) Isa. xl. 13, 14. (k) Job. v. 13.—
 1 Cor. i. 19, &c. (l) 1 Cor. xv. 30. (m) Rom. viii. 5, --- 13.
 (n) Jam. iv. 4.—1 John iv. 5. (o) Eph. v. 4. (p) Rom. i.
 29, --- 32.—1 Tim. vi. 4.—Tit. iii. 3. (q) Ezek. xviii. 4.
 (r) John iii. 3, --- 7. (s) 2 Pet. iii. 10. (t) Rom. xiv. 10.—
 2 Cor. v. 10.

- 5 From sin, therefore, let all arise,
And learn God's mercy now to prize:
In him believe^t and find that grace,
So much display'd to *Adam's* race!
- 6 Thus holy mirth and heav'nly joy
Shall ev'ry heart and tongue employ;
And peace, when from this flesh set free,
Will their eternal portion be.

CXXV.

Exhortation to the Unconverted.

- 1 **B**UY the truth^u, and sell it not,—
If the truth you have not got:
If you wish to be made wise^x,
Part with all to gain this prize.
- 2 Mark well, ye who think ye've nought,—
It with money^y can't be bought;
'Tis the heart^z that you must give,
If to God you wish to live.
- 3 Freely do what he requires,—
Give up sin and wrong desires:
Seek his kingdom^a to obtain,
And let Christ within you reign.
- 4 Watch against pride and self-will;
Never more give way to ill:
Wrestle and in God believe^b,
So shall you the truth^c receive.
- 5 Plead what God^d in Christ hath done,
(Christ the TRUTH^e, God's only Son!)
Till the Son hath made you free^f;
Free indeed you then shall be!

(t) Mark ix. 23.—Acts xvi. 31. (u) Prov xxiii. 23.
(x) 2 Tim. iii. 15. (y) Isa. lii. 3.—lv. 1. (z) Prov. xxiii. 26.—
Lam. iii. 41.—Heb. x. 22.—1 John iii. 20. (a) Matt. vi. 33.—
Luke xii. 31. (b) John i. 12. (c) John viii. 32. (d) 2 Cor. v.
18, 19. (e) John xiv. 6. (f) John viii. 36.

CXXVI.

The sad effects of Pride, and the Blessings which attend Humility.

- VAIN mortals! why so fond of pride? . . . 8
 Instead thereof with shame, . . . 6
 For it we ought ourselves to chide, . . . 8
 And lothe its very name. . . . 6
- 'Twas pride brought angels^s down from heav'n,
 To *Tophet's*^h gloomy cell;
 And prideⁱ in us (if not forgiv'n)
 Will cast us into hell.
- But to the humble God gives grace,
 While he resists^k the proud;
 Come humbly then and seek his face,
 For mercy cry aloud.
- Your penitential cries he'll hear^l,
 And answer from above;
 So shall you find salvation near,
 And know that God^m is love!

CXXVII.

Warning and Counsel.

- TREMBLEⁿ and quake^s, ye wicked race, 8
 Who love in sin to live; 6
 Vengeance awaits in ev'ry place, 8
 Your due reward to give. 6

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(g) 2 Pet. ii. 4.—Jude 6.—Rev. xii. 7. (h) Isa. xxx. 33.
 (i) Mal. iv. 1. (k) Jam. iv. 6.—1 Pet. v. 5. (l) 2 Chron. vii.
 4.—Psal. cxlv. 18, 19. (m) 1 John iv. 8, --- 16. (n) Exod. xix.
 18.—1 Sam. xiv. 15.—Dan. x. 7.—Joel ii. 10.—Nah. i. 5.
 Heb. xii. 21.

§ The people called QUAKERS were at first abusively so called from the word QUAKE.—The word, which the Lord delivered by the mouth of some of his ministers among them, sometimes was attended

- 2 God's judgments^o soon will grow severe,
Which he will fully vent,
Except you to his word adhere,
And speedily repent^p.
- 3 Should you of time presume to boast^q,
Or say his threats are vain^r,—
You will e'er long, to your sad cost,
Feel horror, wo, and pain!
- 4 For no unholy^r thing can dwell
With an All-holy God!
Hence sinners will be sent to hell^s,
To smart beneath his rod.
- 5 Resistless guilt hastes to arrest,
By which your hearts will fail^t;
But contrite^u sinners shall be blest,
However weak and frail.
- 6 Consider then in time your ways,
And to your steps take heed:
Your strength and residue of days
Devote to God with speed.
- 7 Exaggerate, not by delay,
These crimes already done;
But to JEHOVAH humbly pray
For mercy through his Son.

(o) Jer. i. 16. (p) Luke xiii. 3, 5. (q) Prov. xxvii. 1.
(r) Mal. iii. 14.—Jam. iv. 5. (s) Rev. xxi. 27. (t) Psal. ix. 17.
(u) Luke xxi. 26. (v) Psal. xxxiv. 18.—li. 17.—Isa. lii. 15.—lxii. 2.

with so much Divine Power as to cause them visibly to tremble and quake; insomuch that many were like the *trembling Jailer*, whose cry was, *What must I do to be saved?* Acts xvi. 29, 30. See the Books written by GEORGE FOX, WILLIAM PENN, ROBERT BARCLAY, RICHARD CLARIDGE, JOHN GRATTON, &c. &c. May the same Almighty Power which these felt still cause sinners to tremble and quake before him; till all shall revere his name, experience his love, and know him to be the God of their salvation.

CXXVIII.

Warning to the Impious, and encouragement to the Penitent.

- 1 **J**EHOVAH reigns^v enthron'd on high,— . 8
 Let sinners quake^w for fear! . . . 6
 And humble^x penitents draw nigh, . . . 8
 Who his great name revere. . . . 6
- 2 Supremely blest^y through Christ are they
 Who here the truth embrace;
 But the impious^z far away
 Shall flee in sad disgrace..
- 3 Therefore resound your MAKER's praise,
 Ye souls who are sincere;
 And walk in his appointed ways,
 Till you in heav'n appear.
- 4 You are not far^a from that good land
 Of everlasting rest,
 Where you shall sit^b on God's right hand,
 In blood^c wash'd linen-drest!
- 5 Cheer up your hearts, dry up your tears,
 By faith new strength put on;
 Chase far away all doubts and fears,
 The crown for you is won.
- 6 'Twas Jesus that endur'd^d the fight,
 And did victorious prove,
 Who soon will crown^e you with delight
 In joyful climes above.

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(v) 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12.—Psal. xlvii. 8. (w) Deut. xxxii. 39, --- 42. (x) Jam. iv. 6.—1 Pet. v. 5. (y) Rom. iv. 7. (z) Job xx. 5, --- 29. (a) Mar. xii. 34. (b) Luke xiii. 29.—Col. iii. 1. (c) Rev. vii. 14. (d) Heb. xii. 2. (e) 2 Tim. iv. 8. Jam. i. 12.—1 Pet. v. 4.—Rev. ii. 10.

CXXIX.

*God is more willing to dispense Blessings than Sinners
are to receive them.*

- 1 **L** ORD, how boundless is thy grace . . . 7
 Unto all the fallen race? . . . 7
 None was ever yet deny'd^f, . . . 7
 Who in faith for mercy cry'd! . . . 7
- 2 Lo, thy willingness how great
 Humble penitents to meet?
 Thou more^g ready art to give,
 Far than we are to receive!
- 3 Let not sinners then despair,
 But approach thy throne with pray'r;
 And alone, in Jesu's^h name,
 Ev'ry promis'd blessing claim.
- 4 O that men would be as wiseⁱ,
 As immediately to rise,
 And devote to God with speed
 Ev'ry thought, and word, and deed.
- 5 Happy to a great degree,
 They that do so soon shall be;
 And hereafter fully prove
 All the heights and depths of love!

CXXX.

Exhortation and Encouragement.

- 1 **O** Sinners repent, . . . 5
 Own God for your King^j; . . . 5
 His Son^k he hath sent . . . 5
 Salvation to bring! . . . 5

(f) Isa. xlv. 19.—Matt. vii. 7, 8.—Luke xi. 9, 10. (g) Isa. lxx. 1.
 (h) John xiv. 13, 14.—xv. 16.—xvi. 23, &c. (i) Deut. xxxii. 29.
 (j) Psal. xlv. 4. (k) Gal. iv. 4, --- 7.

The time he has given 6
No longer misuse; 5

He made you for heaven^l, 6
Don't damnation chuse. 5

2 Christ stands all day long,
And spreads out his hands^m
To sinners, who throng
To torments in bands:

He callsⁿ on the vilest
His mercy to prove^o;
And welcomes the unblest
To share of his love:

3 O why, ye perverse^p
And stout-hearted race^q,
What need he rehearse
His offers of grace?

Accept God's donation
By faith, while you may,
Lest his reprobation^r
Attend your delay.

4 His spirit^r may cease
To strive as before;
If so, who can peace
Or comfort restore?

Resist^s then no longer,
For fear in his wrath^t,
He say, depart yonder^u
To hell without faith.

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(l) Gen. v. 1.—Col. i. 16. (m) Rom. x. 21. (n) Prov. i.
23, 24.—viii. 5, 6.—Mark xvi. 15, 16.—Luke v. 32. (o) Ps. ciii. 8.
—cxlv. 9. (p) Matt. xvii. 17.—Luke ix. 41. (q) Isa. xlvi. 12.
(r) Rom. i. 28. (s) Gen. vi. 3. (t) Rom. xiii. 2. (u) Exod. xxxii.
10.—Psal. xcv. 11.—Hos. v. 10.—Heb. iii. 7, . . . 11.
(v) Luke xiii. 27, 28.

5 Now take up your cross^v,
 And follow your Lord;
 Count all dung^w and dross^x
 Compar'd to his word!
 Though death you may suffer^y,
 You life shall partake:
 Christ's way was much rougher,
 Who thus peace did make!

CXXXI.

Invitation, Caution, and Encouragement.

- 1 **G**IVE ear^z, O earth, 'tis God commands! 8
 He bids you turn^a and seek^b his face; 8
 And lo, with outspread^c arms he stands . . . 8
 Ready poor sinners to embrace! . . . 8
 Wherefore draw^d near thro' Christ, and prove 8
 The great salvation of his love. . . 8
- 2 Quench not the Spirit^e, which doth seek
 A residence in ev'ry breast,—
 For he the words of life^f doth speak,
 And gives to sincere mourners^g rest;
 To all who walk upright in heart,
 He grace and glory will impart.
- 3 Ye who have hitherto withstood,
 And set^h at nought the Lord most high!
 Haste to the fountainⁱ of Christ's blood:
 He for the sins of ALL^j did die!
 O come, for God still waits^k to bless
 You with eternal happiness.

(v) Matt. x. 38.—Luke xiv. 27. (w) Phil. iii. 8. (x) Isa. i. 25. (y) 2 Tim. ii. 12.—1 Pet. ii. 21. (z) Deut. xxxii. 1. (a) 2 Kings xvii. 13.—Jer. xviii. 8.—xxvi. 2, 3.—Zech. i. 3, 4. (b) Amos v. 4, 6, 8, 14. (c) Rom. x. 21. (d) Heb. x. 22.—Jam. iv. 8. (e) 1 Thes. v. 19. (f) John vi. 63. (g) Matt. v. 4. (h) Prov. i. 25. (i) Zech. xiii. 1. (j) Heb. ii. 9. (k) 1 Pet. iii. 20.—2 Pet. iii. 14, 15.

CXXXII.

*On the Majesty, Vengeance, Mercy, and Salvation of
God.*

L O, how mountains^l reel and shatter . . . 8
At JEHOVAH's awful nod ! . . . 7
And, like light'ning, soon he'll scatter^m . . . 8
Sinners with his ironⁿ rod, . . . 7
Who refuseth . . . 4
Here to own him for their God. . . 7

2 Be alarm'd, ye careless sinners,
He to judgment^o soon will come ;
And your sins are sure forerunners
Of a miserable doom ;
For his vengeance^p
Will the wicked then consume !

3 Therefore never dream^q of heaven
In an unconverted state ;
Or that mercy will be given,
Till you in good earnest wait^r,—
Praying, O God,
In me a clean^t heart create.

4 O kneel down^s before your MAKER !
Ye who do not know his love :
Rest not till each is partaker
Of salvation^t from above,
That for ever
You may all his goodness^u prove.

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(l) Jer. iv. 24.—Nah. i. 5.—Hab. iii. 6, --- 10. (m) Isa. xxx. 30.
(n) Rev. ii. 27.—xix. 15. (o) Matt. xxiv. 44, 50, 51.—
Luke xii. 40.—1 Thes. v. 2.—2 Pet. iii. 10. (p) Nah. i. 2.—
2 Thes. i. 8.—Heb. x. 30, 31. (q) Jude 7, 8. (r) Lam. iii.
25, 26. (s) Psal. li. 10. (t) Luke i. 77.
(u) Psal. xxiii. 6.

CXXXIII.

*A Call to Sinners ; with some Remarks concerning
Faith and its wonderful effects.*

- 1 **S**INNERS view the sad^y condition 8
 In which you at present are, 7
 And draw near with deep contrition^w 8
 To the most^x high God in pray'r ; 7
 He invites^y you 4
 Of his mercy now to share. 7
- 2 All who after him aspireth^z,
 He to them will favour give ;
 And the means which he requireth
 Is to turn^a to him and live,
 While he calleth
 Them his blessings to receive.
- 3 God makes faith^b the sole condition ;
 Faith that sweetly works by love^c :
 This true faith brings true salvation^d,
 And makes ev'ry mountain^e move ;
 Opens^f heaven,—
 Reacheth up to things^g above.
- 4 Faith makes rich^h while nought possessing
 Feeds the soul with heav'nly food ;
 Sorrowful, always rejoicing,
 Faith triumphsⁱ through Jesu's blood :
 Faith in action^j
 Grasps and holds fast ev'ry^k good.

(v) Isa. liii. 6.—Gal. iii. 22. (w) Psal. xxxiv. 18.—Isa. lviii.
 15.—lxvi. 2. (x) Psal. lii. 2. (y) Isa. i. 18, 19.—Matt. xi.
 28, 29. (z) Psal. cxlv. 18, 19. (a) Ezek. xviii. 27, 28.
 (b) Hab. ii. 4.—John iii. 14, --- 36.—Rom. iii. 19, --- 31.
 (c) Gal. v. 6. (d) Mar. xvi. 16.—Acts xvi. 31.—Rom. x.
 8, --- 17. (e) Matt. xvii. 20. (f) Acts vii. 56. (g) Rom. i.
 19, 20.—Eph. ii. 4, --- 19. (h) 2 Cor. vi. 10.—Jam. ii. 5.
 (i) 1 John v. 4. (j) 1 Tim. vi. 11, 12.—Jam. ii. 14, --- 26.
 (k) 1 Pet. i. 7, 8, 9.

CXXXIV.

*On the Love of GOD, his invitation to Sinners, and of
his coming to Judgment.*

- 1 **L**O! what love^l the great CREATOR . . . 8
Shews in Christ to all mankind; . . . 7
He to be our Mediator^m, . . . 8
For his foes his life resign'd; . . . 7
Therefore, sinners, . . . 4
Seekⁿ and ye shall mercy find. . . 7
- 2 Do not seek in point of merit^o,—
Pharisees^p themselves deceive;
'Tis the humble contrite spirit —
God enables to believe,
Who, in earnest,
Strive his blessings to receive.
- 3 Hasten to meet the invitation^q,
Ye who wish his grace to prove;
So shall you obtain salvation^r,
And be perfected^r in love,
By receiving
Of his fulness^s from above.
- 4 God is truly good^t and gracious^u,
Yet will not the guilty^v spare,
Though our works be e'er so spacious:
Wholly known^w to him they are;
Wherefore let us
Watch against sin with due care.

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(l) 1 John iii. 1, 2, 16. (m) 1 Tim. ii. 5, 6. (n) Matt. vii.
7, --- 11. (o) Rom. iii. 20. (p) Matt. v. 20.—Luke xviii.
10, --- 14. (q) Isa. lv. 1, 2, 3.—Matt. xi. 28, 29, 30. (r) Luke i.
77.—2 Cor. vii. 10. (s) Matt. v. 48.—Eph. iv. 13. (t) John i. 16.
(u) Psal. xxxiv. 8.—lxxiii. 1. (v) Neh. ix. 17.—Jonah iv. 2.
(w) Exod. xxxiv. 6, 7.—Numb. xiv. 18. (x) Acts xv. 18.—
1 John iii. 20.

- 5 For e'er long, with dreadful burning,
 Heav'n^x and earth shall pass away !
 Then will horror, wo, and mourning^y
 Sieze the wicked in that day,
 When Christ cometh
 Righteous judgment to display !

CXXXV.

A Call to serious Reflections, Repentance, and Faith.

- 1 **G**OD speaks^z ! let man consider well, . . . 8
 Time ev'ry moment glides away : . . . 8
 Our pulse each time they beat do tell . . . 8
 How swift we hasten to that day, . . . 8
 Wherein the last great trump^a shall sound, . . . 8
 And wake the nations all around ! . . . 8
- 2 The sea^b shall then give up her dead,—
 The grave^c restore her countless prey ;
 Huge rocks and mountains^d rend with dread,
 And his Almighty pow'r display !
 There Christ^e, who all our works can tell,
 Will order each to heav'n or hell.
- 3 The time's at hand, the night's^f far spent,—
 Why should we in our sins remain ?
 O let us truly now repent,
 And henceforth righteous works maintain ;
 For till we thus in God believe,
 We only do ourselves deceive^g.
- 4 But lo ! we can't deceive^h the Lord !
 Our MAKER knows our fallen state,—
 How we've departed from his word,
 Since he did man at first create ;
 Yet still his unexhausted loveⁱ
 Calls all eternal life to prove !

(x) 2 Pet. iii. 10. (y) Matt. xxiv. 30. (z) Job xxxiii. 14.
 (a) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Thes. iv. 16. (b) Rev. xx. 13. (c) John v.
 28, 29. (d) Rev. xvi. 20. (e) Matt. xxv. 31, ——— 46.
 (f) Rom. xiii. 12. (g) Gal. vi. 3.—Jam. i. 26.—1 John i. 8.
 (h) Eccl. xii. 14. (i) John iii. 16.

CXXXVI.

Sinners invited and encouraged to come to God.

- 1 **C**OME, ye guilty sinners, come, . . . 7
 Turn and you shall mercy^j prove; . . . 7
 For the vilest there is room . . . 7
 In the arms of Jesu's love! . . . 7
 If you pardon would receive, . . . 7
 Gladly in his name^k believe. . . 7
- 2 Lo his grace to ALL^l is free—
 As the universal air!
 None for God too bad^m can be,
 Nor of mercy need despair,
 Who do willingly forsake
 Sin that they may life partake.
- 3 Therefore, sinners, come to God,—
 Now by faithⁿ approach his throne;
 Own his septre^o and his rod^p,
 By whom ye are sav'd alone:
 Rest not till you are forgiv'n^q,
 And have free access^r to heav'n.
- 4 Surely those who would be wise
 Will not wait another day,
 But immediately arise,
 And for this salvation pray,—
 Lest death strike his fatal dart
 Through each unrelenting heart.

CXXXVII.

Holy Admonition and Gospel Promises.

- 1 **Y**E weary wand'ers from the way of peace, 10
 When will you from your sin and folly cease? 10
 Seek^r, ye the Lord, now while he may be found, 10
 For he is near and mercy doth abound! . 10

(j) Dan. ix. 9. (k) Acts xiii. 39. (l) Psal. cxlv. 9.—
 2 Pet. iii. 9. (m) Isa. i. 18, 19. (n) Heb. x. 22. (o) Ps. xlv. 6.
 —Heb. i. 3. (p) Psal. cx. 2. (q) Acts v. 31. (r) Rom. v. 2.—
 Eph. ii. 18.—iii. 12. (s) Isa. lv. 6, 7.

- 2 Let wicked men the way of sin forfake,—
Unrighteous men themselves to pray'r betake;
By faith return unto the Lord again,
And to our God his pardon to obtain.
- 3 Faithful^s he is, just also to forgive;
Whoever will^c, may taste his grace and live:
Both *Jew* and *Gentile*^u, if they come, may be
Through Christ accepted, and from sin set free!

CXXXVIII.

Moral and Evangelical Precepts.

- 1 **A**LL nations tremble^v at the rod 8
Of him who these commands do give: 8
Israel† prepare to meet thy God! 8
Seek ye his face, and ye shall live. 8
- 2 Turn from oppression, feed the poor,
Be not deceitful, but be just;
Bow down to idol gods no more,
But in JEHOVAH put your trust.
- 3 Hate ev'ry evil thought and way;
Do good, and therein take delight:
His word with cheerfulness obey,
And act uprightly in his fight.
- 4 Hear ye this word, O *Bashan's* kine,
Which in *Samaria's* mountain dwell;
And now from all your sins decline,
Lest *Molech* lead you on to hell.
- 5 For lo, the Lord will shortly come!
Thy God, O *Israel*, is near!
Repent, and thereby miss the doom
Which sinners in that day must hear.

(s) 1 John i. 9. (t) Rev. xxii. 17. (u) Rom. x. 12, 13.—Gal. iii. 28.—Col. iii. 11. (v) Psal. cxiv. 7.—Isa. lxvi. 2.—Jer. v. 27.

† See the fourth and fifth chapters of Amos.

CXXXIX.

*Sinners called to Repent, to review the Sufferings of
Christ, and to believe in his saving Power.*

1 **S**INNERS give ear, the great I AM^w, . . . 8
 (Who caus'd the earth to swallow^x up . . . 8
Coran, Dathan, and Abiram) . . . 8
 Bids you repent^y or drink^z the cup . . . 8
 Fill'd with the wine of his fierce wrath, . . . 8
 Prepar'd for those who have not faith. . . 8

2 Mercy^a hath against judgment long
 Rejoiced in your day of grace^b;
 Why will you then the broad-way throng,
 And not eternal life embrace?
 Ye hearts of stone^c, relent to see
 What Christ endur'd^d to set us free.

3 The ploughers^e ploughed on his back,
 Until they made long furrows there!
 His tortur'd joints, as on a rack,
 And bones^f did at each other stare!
 At last he yielded^g up his breath,
 Laid^h down his life, and conquer'd death!ⁱ

4 Thus wounded^j for what sin hath done,
 And bruised for the sinners' sake,
 We through his love the curse^k may shun,—
 He by his blood^l our peace did make;
 Which blessing all men may receive,
 Who in his saving pow'r believe^m.

(w) Exod. iii. 14. (x) Num. xvi. 31, 32, 33. (y) Ezek. xiv.
 6.—Luke xiii. 3, 5. (z) Psal. lxxv. 8.—Rev. xvi. 19. (a) Jam. ii.
 13. (b) Tit. ii. 11. (c) Ezek. xi. 19.—xxxvi. 26. (d) Heb. xii.
 2, 3. (e) Psal. cxxix. 3. (f) Psal. xxii. 17. (g) Matt. xxvii.
 50. (h) John x. 15, 17, 18. (i) Luke xxiv. 5, 6, 7. (j) Isa. liii. 5.
 (k) Gal. iii. 13. (l) Eph. ii. 13, - - - 16. (m) Rom. iii. 22.

- 5 For God his templeⁿ now prepare,
Wherein the Holy Ghost should dwell :
Slay sin, one darling^o do not spare,
Or this will shut you up in hell^p :
The pow'r he gives,—and waits to bless
You with eternal^q happiness.

CXL.

*On the Sufferings and Death of Christ, through whose
name Sinners obtain the Salvation of God.*

- 1 **B**EHOLD! the Lamb^r of God was slain . . . 8
From the foundation of the world; . . . 8
And while expiring full of pain, . . . 8
All Satan's rage was at him hurl'd : . . . 8
This he endur'd (amazing grace!) . . . 8
To save a fallen sinful race. 8
- 2 Look on him who was pierc'd^r, and mourn :
He died on the shameful tree !
There view his sacred body torn,
And made a curse^s for you and me !
No sorrow^t e'er was like to his,
Or any love^u so great as this !
- 3 O let us now by faith^v draw near
With holy boldness^w to his throne :
The worst^x of finners need not fear,
Who do return through him alone :
Salvation^y in his name is giv'n,
He is the WAY^z that leads to heav'n.

(n) 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17.—vi. 19. (o) Heb. xii. 1. (p) Psal. ix. 17.
(q) 1 John ii. 25. (r) John i. 29, 36.—Rev. xiii. 8.
(s) Zech. xii. 10.—John xix. 37.—Rev. i. 7. (s) Gal. iii. 13.
(t) Matt. xxvi. 37, 38. (u) Eph. iii. 19. (v) Heb. x. 22.
(w) Heb. iv. 16. (x) 1 Tim. ii. 4. (y) Luke i. 77.—xxiv. 47.
(z) John xiv. 6.

CXLI.

For Mercy and Salvation.

- 1 **I**N mercy view thy creatures, Lord, . . . 8
 And raise us from our fallen^a state; . . . 8
 Though dead, yet thy life-giving word . . . 8
 Can us anew in Christ create^b: . . . 8
 Speak, therefore, with the voice of love, . . . 8
 And let us thy salvation prove. . . . 8
- 2 Why should we lie beneath thy frown
 In chains of sin and misery?
 O come, and with thy favour own,
 Make this the joyful jubilee^c,
 Wherein from sin we shall find rest,
 And be through Christ with pardon blest.

CXLII.

The Lord's Prayer Versified.

- 1 **O**UR^d FATHER which in heaven art, . . . 8
 Hallowed be thy name; . . . 6
 Thy kingdom come, in ev'ry heart, . . . 8
 Till all shall know the same. . . . 6
- 2 Thy will be done in earth below,
 As it is done in heav'n,—
 And daily bread on us bestow;
 Let it this day be giv'n.
- 3 Forgive us all our trespasses,
 As we do wrongs forgive:
 Lead us not where temptation is,
 Lest we unholy live.

(a) Rom. iii. 23. (b) Eph. ii. 10. (c) Lev. xxv. 9, &c.
 (d) Matt. vi. 9, — — — 13.—Luke xi. 2, 3, 4.

- 4 Deliver us from evil here,—
The kingdom's thine before,
And pow'r and glory ev'ry where,
Likewise for evermore.

CXLIH.

For Grace to Replenish our wants.

- 1 **W**E want the happy art to learn, 8
O Lord, of trusting thee, 6
To rest without a wrong concern, 8
Whate'er our trials be. . . . 6
- 2 When call'd to suffer^e for thy sake,
To Christ still may we cleave;
And suff'rings joyfully partake,
If we our all^f must leave.
- 3 We want, when sin and danger's near,
The pow'r of faith to prove
True faith^g, that saves from slavish fear,
Accompany'd by love.
- 4 A victory^h we want to gain,
O'er frowns and flatt'ring charms:
The truth with courage to maintain,
Unmov'd by false alarms.
- 5 Come, Lord, replenish all our wants
With more of thy free grace;
For, like the hunted hartⁱ that pants,
We thirst to see thy face.

CXLIV.

Complaint and Prayer.

- 1 **R**EMEMBER, O remember, Lord, 8
The weakness of thy saints; 6
And now, by thy life-giving^j word, 8
Remove all our complaints. . . . 6

(e) 2 Tim. iii. 12. (f) Luke xiv. 33. (g) Gal. v. 6.
(h) 1 John v. 4. (i) Psal. xlii. 1. (j) Matt. viii. 8.

- 2 From unbelief, impatience, pride
We find ourselves not free:
Our hearts likewise prone to backslide,
Prone to depart from thee.
- 3 Our giddy minds would rove abroad;
Our feet are apt to stray:
They scarcely miss the downward road,
Or keep the narrow way.
- 4 Unprofitable^s servants in
What we are taught to do
We are,—but, Lord, forgive all sin
Committed hitherto.
- 5 O grant that ev'ry one may feel
A thirst for things above,
And persevere with constant zeal
In all the ways of love.

CXLV.

Confession and Prayer.

- 1 GREAT God¹! the course we take is wrong, 8
Hence we deserve thy frown: 6
To duties^{||} we are dragg'd along, 8
And this with shame we own. 6
- 2 How cold are we? how loath to pray,
Or seek the things above?
Hereby we do thy calls gainsay,
And daily grieve thy love.

(k) Luke xvii. 10.

(l) Deut. x. 17.—2 Chron. ii. 5:

|| Let the half-hearted in the work of God attend carefully to the awful message written to the Church of the Laodiceans, which equally belongs to all other lukewarm Professors,—*I know thy works, &c.* Rev. iii. 14, &c.

- 3 If thou should all our misdeeds mark^m,
 And thy dread pow'r display,
 Alas! we wilfully are dark,
 Amidst the blaze of day.
- 4 We therefore grieve, and now confess,
 That we deserve to die;
 But, O thou God of mercy blessⁿ,
 And let us feel thee nigh.
- 5 Through Christ thy mercy magnify^o,
 And all our sins^p forgive,
 That we may henceforth glorify
 Thee while on earth we live.
- 6 Descend and let thy love inspire,
 For we are seeking rest:
 Come, spirit of refining^q fire,
 Glow bright in ev'ry breast.

CXLVI.

Confession and Prayer.

- 1 **K**IND as thou art, we faithless are . . . 8
 To trust a loving^r God; . . . 6
 Who waiteth long, and still doth spare . . . 8
 Us who deserve thy rod. . . . 6
- 2 Deep in our hearts impress thy love,
 Thou Saviour^f of mankind;
 And from thy glorious throne above
 Let each one comfort find.
- 3 Vanquish like smoke our doubts and fears,
 And bid the sun arise^s,
 That darkness or distressing tears
 May not afflict our eyes.

(m) Psal. cxxx. 3. (n) Psal. cxlv. 8, 9. (o) Gen. xix. 19.
 (p) Matt. ix. 6. (q) Zech. xiii. 9.—Mal. iii. 2, 3. (r) 1 John iv. 9.
 (s) Isa. xlv. 21, 22.—Jude 25. (t) Mal. iv. 2.

- 4 With grateful thoughts much more enlarge
Our love to all thy ways,
That we our duty may discharge,
And spread abroad thy praise.

CXLVII.

*For the Holy Spirit, in allusion to Ezekiel's Vision of
dry Bones, Ezek. xxxvii. 4, &c.*

- 1 **O** Lord, thy Holy^t Spirit give, 8
For we in earnest cry : 6
O breathe and these dry bones shall live 8
That now do lifeless lie. 6
- 2 Speak, that the sinews may unite ;
Bid flesh begin to grow ;
Cover with skin and fashion right,
And perfect us below.
- 3 Lo, should we noise and shaking hear,
Bone shall come to his bone,
Till a great army doth appear,
Rais'd by thy pow'r alone.
- 4 Within^u us put thy spirit, Lord,
That we may live to thee ;
And spread abroad with one accord
The wond'rous works we see.

CXLVIII.

*Prayer, with acknowledgements of Unfruitfulness, in
allusion to the Barren Figtree, Matt. xxi. 19, 20.*

- 1 **L**ORD, rise and rend the rocks^v in twain ; 8
Break up our fallow^w ground : 6
Sow living seed^x, that we again 8
With good fruit may abound. 6

(t) Luke xi. 13. (u) Ezek. xxxvi. 25, 26. — xxxvii. 14.
(v) Luke viii. 6. (w) Jer. iv. 3. — Hos. x. 12. (x) 1 John iii. 9.

- 2 For like the barren *fig-tree* dry,
Whereon was found no fruit,
'Twere just to curse as thou goes by,
And pine to death our root.
- 3 We sometimes blossom bright and fair,
And have our branches green;
But little fruit doth yet appear,
If any to be seen.
- 4 Lord, that we may of life partake,
From death prevent us now;
And dig^y, and dung, and prune, and make
Fruit hang on ev'ry bough.
- 5 Send grace in showers from above,
Our souls to fructify,
That faith, and hope, and humble love
May all defects supply.
- 6 Thus fruit^z shall in due season grow,
Like clusters on the vine;
And prove to all the world below,
We in thy likeness shine.

CXLIX.

*That Sinners may be converted till righteousness shall
cover the Earth.*

- 1 **A**RISE, great God^a! arise, . . . 6
And rend the veil away . . . 6
From ev'ry sinner's heart and eyes, . . . 8
Who for damnation pray. . . 6
- 2 No longer let them sleep^b,
Lest they should wake in hell^c;
And there in sorrow wail and weep
Where fallen spirits dwell.

(y) Luke xiii. 8. (z) Psal. i. 3. (a) Deut. x. 17. (b) Eph. v. 14.
(c) Luke xvi. 23.

- 3 O let thy inward voice^d
 Rouse ev'ry careless soul,
 That those of virtue may make choice,
 Which love in sin to roll.
- 4 In Jesu's^e name we pray
 That all the human race
 May yield and own thy kingly fway,
 While call'd to seek thy face.
- 5 Hasten that happy day,
 When sinners shall inquire
 In earnest for the *good old way*^f,
 And after God aspire.
- 6 Make truth and righteousness
 To overspread^g the earth;
 Till all the heathen^h do possess
 Christ by an heav'nly birth.

CL.

*That the Heathen may be converted from Idolatry and
 Superstition to the Knowledge of the true GOD.*

- 1 **A**LMIGHTY God! lay to thine hand, . . . 8
 Loose all who are in fetters bound: . . . 8
 Thy gospelⁱ spread through ev'ry land, . . . 8
 That truth may Anti-christ confound. . . . 8
- 2 O shew the heathen^j gracious God!
 That present every where thou art:
 Break all their idols with thy rod,
 And make Christ known in ev'ry heart.
- 3 Shew these who worship wood^k and stone
 The Saviour freely dy'd for all^l;
 And that his blood doth still atone^m
 For them which down to idols fall.

(d) John v. 25. (e) John xiv. 13, 14. (f) Jer. vi. 16.
 (g) Isa. xi. 9.—Hab. ii. 14. (h) Psal. ii. 8. (i) Matt. xxiv. 14.
 (j) Zeph. ii. 11. (k) Deut. xxix. 17.—Isa. xlv. 17.—Hab. ii. 19.
 (l) 1 Tim. ii. 6. (m) Rom. v. 11.

- 4 Shew such as molten^a idols have,
Of brass^o, of silver^p, and of gold^q:
They trust in gods that cannot save,
As did idolaters of old.
- 5 From superstition set them free,
And all their ignorance remove,
That they may sin's deception see,
And seek salvation from above.
- 6 Where darkness reigns let light^r appear:
Where sin abounds thy grace^s display,
Till unbelievers every where
Believe, and all thy laws obey.
- 7 So shall the heathen all^t draw near,
And their benign Creator^u own:
JEHOVAH^v serve with holy fear,
And to no other God^w bow down.

CLI.

*On the sad effects which follow Sin, and of the kind
interposition of Love to prevent them.*

- 1 **W**HAT vast destruction in the earth^w . . .
Hath sin, that cruel monster, wrought?
It pain^x, diseases^y, famine^z, dearth^a, . . .
And death^b itself on all hath brought.
- 2 Through all the world with rapid speed,
It hath its baneful poison^c spread,
And still doth thousands captive lead
To bondage, misery, and dread.

(n) Exod. xxxii. 4.—Judg. xvii. 4.—Isa. xlv. 10. (o) Rev. ix.
20. (p) Psal. cxxxv. 15, . . . 18.—Hos. viii. 4. (q) Dan. iii. 1
—v. 23. (r) Isa. xlii. 6, 7.—lx. 3.—Luke i. 79. (s) Zech. xiii.
1.—Rom. v. 15.—2 Cor. ix. 8.—Tit. ii. 11. (t) Heb. viii. 11
(u) Col. i. 16. (v) Psal. lxxxiii. 18. (w) Dan. iii. 29
(x) Gen. vi. 12.—Psal. xc. 3.—Micah. ii. 10.—Rom. iii. 18
(y) Nah. ii. 10.—Rom. viii. 22. (z) Deut. xxviii. 60.—Isa. i.
19. (a) Jer. xxiv. 10.—Matt. xxiv. 7. (b) Gen. xli. 54—
Acts xi. 28. (c) Rom. v. 12. (d) Psal. lviii. 4.

- 3 Hence devastation, rage, and war
Strange revolutions often make :
Tumult and noise is heard from far,
By those who do God's law forsake.
- 4 Sin like a deluge doth o'erflow,
And sweep its willing subjects hence :
To misery some daily go,
Which is a righteous recompence.
- 5 Lo ! nations swiftly pass away,
And lie forgotten in the grave :
The poor, the rich, the great, the gay,
Riches from death can no one save.
- 6 Monarchs are forc'd to quit the throne,
And bow to death's resistless pow'r ;
None are exempted, no not one,—
The change alike to all^d is sure.
- 7 But O, how great is Jesu's love ?
He, to redeem the fallen race,
Came freely^e from his throne above,
That all^f might know his saving grace.
- 8 He conquer'd death^g and open'd heav'n
By dying on the cursed tree ;
And in his name salvation's^h giv'n,—
'Tis for the worst of sinners free.

CLII.

*On sin, with its effects, and the willingness of God to
save us from it.*

- 1 **H**OW weak at first is ev'ry child, 8
Though free from sin* and blame ? 6
Their innocence, how soon defil'd, 8
And swallow'd up in shame ? 6

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(d) Heb. ix. 27. (e) Heb. x. 7. (f) Isa. xlv. 22.—lii. 10.
(g) Eph. iv. 8.—Rev. vi. 2. (h) Acts xiii. 47.—Heb. v. 9.

* For an answer to those who support the doctrine of original sin,
see the note on Baptism, page 16, &c.

- 2 Alas ! we early† sin, and feel
 A sinful nature grow :
 This God in mercy doth reveal,
 And by his spirit show.
- 3 He shows that in this fallen state,
 Except we're born^j again,
 We for ourselves a hell^k create
 Of misery and pain.
- 4 Nor have we pow'r to make this change^l
 Without the help of grace^m :
 Conversion seems a work quite strange
 For natureⁿ to embrace.
- 5 But God doth, by a small still voice^o,
 Bid us his grace^p receive ;
 Hence, if we still make sin our choice,
 We do his Spirit grieve.
- 6 For he gives pow'r^q to all mankind,
 That they to him may cry :
 The vilest may forgiveness find,
 And in his favour die.
- 7 Therefore, if we resist^r his love,
 And will^s not use his pow'r,
 We shall our own tormentors prove,
 When we his wrath^t endure.
- 8 'Tis vain to think on *Calvary*^u
 Christ should for sinners bleed,
 And yet design our misery,
 Most horrid thought indeed !

(i) John xvi. 8. (j) John iii. 3, --- 8. (k) Rom. ii. 5.
 (l) John xv. 5. (m) Eph. ii. 5, 8. (n) 1 Cor. ii. 14. (o) 1 Kin. xix.
 12. (p) Gal. i. 6. (q) John i. 12. (r) Acts vii. 51.—
 2 Tim. iii. 8. (s) John v. 40. (t) Rom. i. 18.—Eph. v. 6.—
 Col. iii. 6. (u) Luke xxiii. 33.

† Many children die before they can commit *actual sin* ; others have been very remarkable for early piety : Hence the Psalmist, in Psalm lviii. 3. can only mean, that many children are estranged from the womb through the bad precepts and ill example of the wicked ; and, on this account, they go astray and speak lies as soon as they can distinguish betwixt truth and falsehood.

- 9 God willeth not that one should die^u,
 He bids us turn and live:
 Let none his gifts^v or grace^w deny,
 But gladly both receive.

CLIII.

Grace, the free gift of God, and boasting excluded.

- 1 **A** LAS! how vain^x is fallen^y man? . . . 8
 How prone to vice and ev'ry ill? . . . 8
 And, without Christ^z, do what he can, . . . 8
 He can't perform God's righteous will. . . 8
- 2 He cannot speak^a one holy word,
 Or even think^b one thought aright;
 Nor do a work^c before the Lord,
 That is well pleasing in his sight.
- 3 'Tis then no more by works^d but grace,—
 God's own free^e grace through Jesus giv'n,
 That *Adam* or his sinful race
 Can have or know their sin's forgiv'n.
 O praise the Lord, 'twas God most high,
 Who freely gave^f his only Son!
 He to atone^g did also die
 For what the human race had done!
- 5 And lo, 'twas Jesu's own free choice
 Herein to do^h his Father's will,
 That sinners might in hopeⁱ rejoice,
 And prove that God can save^j them still.

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- (u) Ezek. xviii. 32.—xxxiii. 11. (v) Rom. vi. 23.—xi. 29.
 () Prov. iii. 34.—Jam. iv. 6.—1 Pet. v. 5. (x) Gen. viii. 21.
 Jer. ii. 5. (y) Gen. iii. 6, &c. (z) John xv. 5. (a) Matt. xii. 34.
 Jam. iii. 8. (b) Gen. vi. 5.—Prov. xv. 26.—Isa. lix. 7.
 Gal. ii. 16. (d) Eph. ii. 9. (e) Rom. iii. 24.—v. 16, 18.
 iii. 32.—1 Cor. ii. 12.—Rev. xxii. 17. (f) John iii. 16.
 Rom. v. 11. (h) Heb. x. 7, 9. (i) Rom. v. 2. (j) Zech. ix.
 —Heb. vii. 25.

6 No room to boast^k, no room have we
Of ought we think, or speak, or do:
All good in us is wrought^l by thee,
Whose Spirit maketh all things new^m.

7 Not unto usⁿ, but God we'll give
All honour, glory, thanks, and praise;
By whose free grace alone we live,—
Be this our portion all our days.

CLVI.

On the goodness of GOD, and the vanity of the Creature.

1 **G**OD willeth^o not at all
Destruction to mankind;
Lo, Christ, to save us from the fall,
Freely his life resign'd!

2 He to avert the wrath
That flam'd with threat'ning dread,
Was made a curse^p, and thereby hath
Our foes all captive^q led.

3 Yet, heedless of the way
That leads to joys above,
From thy pure laws we often stray,
And grieve the God of love^r.

4 We vainly dream of rest,
But rarely seek it right,
Supposing earthly things are best,
In which we most delight.

5 Thus robb'd of light^s divine,
Strange fires consume our peace,—
While all the pow'rs of hell combine,
Our bondage to increase.

(k) Rom. iii. 27. (l) Phil. ii. 13.—Col. i. 29. (m) Rev. xxi. 5.
(n) Psal. cxv. 1. (o) Ezek. xxxiii. 11. (p) Gal. iii. 13.
(q) Eph. iv. 8. (r) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (s) Luke xi. 33.

6 O thou whose bowels^s move
 With pity to mankind,
 Now send thy Spirit from above,
 That we true peace^t may find.

7 HEAD^u of thy church, unite
 Our feeble souls to thee,
 That we may praise thee with delight
 To all eternity.

CLV.

Remarks on the great Love of God as displayed to mankind.

1 GOD's love^v we may trace, 5
 Through Jesus's grace, 5
 To Adam and all his degenerate race. 11

2 The vilest may see
 How full and how free
 This love was display'd^w when he pray'd on the tree.

3 Grim death to invade,
 Atonement^x he made,
 And bore all our sins, which upon him were laid^y!

4 Though 'twas with much pain
 Our peace to regain,
 In triumph o'er death^z, he the monster hath slain!

5 Amazing what love
 His bowels doth move!
 He calls upon all^a men salvation to prove.

6 By faith then draw near,
 And pray without fear;
 The God^b of *Elijah* is waiting to hear.

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(s) Isa. lxiii. 15. (t) John xiv. 27. (u) Eph. v. 23.
 (v) 1 John iv. 9, 10. (w) Luke xxiii. 34. (x) Rom. v. 11.
 (y) Isa. liii. 6. (z) 2 Tim. i. 10.—Heb. ii. 14, 15. (a) Isa. xlv.
 22.—Tit. ii. 11. (b) 2 Kings ii. 14.

7 He answers by fire^c,
The humble desire,
And freely bestows what poor sinners require.

8. We therefore attend;
O God now descend,—
Consume, and for ever of sin make an end.

CLVI.

God commendeth his Love to Sinners.

1 **G**OD, fully to prove 5
His infinite love, 5
Commendeth^d it to us in Christ from above. 11

2 While sinners we were
In doubt and in fear,
With boundless compassion the Saviour drew near.

3 That we might obtain
God's favour again,
This lover of sinners for sinners was slain^e.

4 What spirit that fell,
Or seraph can tell,
The pain he endured to save us from hell?

5 Lo! still at God's throne
His blood doth atone^f,
And makes intercession^g for sinners alone.

6 Astonishing grace!
That God should embrace,
And give such large blessings unto a lost race.

7 Sure, Lord, it is meet
To fall at thy feet,
This wonder^h of wonders with joy to repeat!

(c) 1 Kin. xviii. 24, --- 38. (d) Rom. v. 8. (e) Acts ii. 23.
(f) Rom. v. 11. (g) Heb. vii. 25. (h) Heb. ii. 9.

Our free sacrifice
Of thanks now shall rise :
With angels we'll echo thy praise through the skies.

CLVII.

For freedom from Sin and fitness for Heaven.

1 **O** LORD, set us free, 5
Who call upon thee, 5
For long we have lived in captivity. . . . 11

2 Now break off our chains,
And purge out the stains
Of sin, and destroy all its cursed remains.

3 Could we but believeⁱ
We all should receive
Thy Spirit, to help us obedient to live:

4 We therefore resign
Ourselves to be thine,
And earnestly strive for the kingdom divine:

5 Come, heavenly DOVE^j,
Transform us in love,
And make us all meet for the mansions^k above.

CLVIII.

For God to save ; with Remarks concerning his Power.

1 **A**RM^l of the Lord awake ! 6
Put on thy strength to save, 6
And raise the dead^m, for Jesu's sake, 8
Like Lazarusⁿ from the grave. . . . 6

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(i) Mar. ix. 23.—xi. 24. (j) Mar. i. 10. (k) John xiv. 2.
(l) Isa. li. 9.—liii. 1. (m) 1 Pet. ii. 24. (n) John xi. 43, 44.

- 2 Take off the galling yoke^o
Of sin and misery,
And let the fetters all be broke,
Of our captivity.
- 3 By LOVE's subduing pow'r^p
The force of sin repel;
And save us in temptation's^q hour
From all the pow'rs of hell.
- 4 When waves^r like mountains rise,
Calm thou the raging sea;
Force all that hell can e'er devise,
To bow^r and yield to thee.
- 5 Lo! how they stand aghast
Amidst yon burning lake^s,
Who into hell for sin were cast:
They tremble^t, fear, and quake!
- 6 Whilst myriads round thy throne,
Of saints^u and angels bright,
Exulting there praise God alone
With wonder and delight!
- 7 Also at thy dread nod,
The wicked^v here are slain!
They feel, when smitten^w with thy rod,
Excruciating pain!
- 8 But Jesu's little^x flock
Are in thy sight approv'd:
Their church is built upon a rock^y,
Which cannot be remov'd.

(o) Nah. i. 13.—Gal. v. 1. (p) Phil. iii. 21. (q) 1 Cor. x. 13.
(r) Job xxxviii. 11.—Psal. xciii. 3, 4. (s) Prov. xiv. 19.—Phil. ii. 10.
(s) Rev. xix. 20.—xx. 10, 14, 15.—xxi. 8. (t) Jam. ii. 19.
(u) Rev. vii. 9, --- 12. (v) Gen. xix. 24. (w) Isa. xi. 4.
(x) Luke xii. 32. (y) Matt. xvii. 18.

- 9 Throughout this weary^a land
 That rock^a shall be our shade :
 Our covert thy eternal^b hand,
 By whom all things were made !
- 10 So shall we conquer death^c,
 And triumph o'er the grave :
 Behold, and with our latest breath
 Praise him who thus can save.

CLIX.

On Thunder and Lightning.

- 1 **A**LMIGHTY God^d ! how great art thou ? 8
 In ev'ry place thy pow'r is known : 8
 Beneath thy rod^e the wicked bow, 8
 And own^f that thou art God alone. 8
- 2 When thunder^g from on high doth roll
 With awful noise through earth and skies ;
 Where sin is, fear arrests the soul
 With sudden horror and surprise !
- 3 Guilt flashes in the sinner's face,—
 For conscience^h God's vicegerent speaks,
 And forcibly describes his case :
 Hence, while alarm'd, he mercy seeks.
- 4 Of death afraid and self-condemn'd,
 His naked soul he fain would screen :
 All things around him seems inflam'd,
 That just before were quite serene.
- 5 Not so with those who feel his love !
 When forked light'nings swiftly fly,
 They know JEHOVAH reigns above,
 And in his armsⁱ they safely lie.

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(a) Isa. xxxii. 2. (a) 1 Cor. x. 4. (b) Deut. xxxiii. 27.
 (c) 1 Cor. xv. 54, — 57. (d) Gen. xvii. 1. (e) Isa. xi. 4.
 (f) Dan. vi. 24. (g) Exod. ix. 23.—1 Sam. vii. 10.—xii. 17, 18, 19—
 Isa. xxix. 6. (h) Rom. ii. 15. (i) Deut. xxxiii. 27.

- 6 Each faint his Saviour doth behold,
 Whilst vivid flames doth round him play:
 By faith he stands divinely bold¹;
 Joyful in that terrific day!
- 7 No slavish fear^k of future dread
 Can ever bind his soul in chains;
 For through all dangers he is led
 By God, who his support^l remains!
- 8 Secure on Christ his hopes^m are built;
 Should heav'n and earth now pass away,
 He stands absolv'dⁿ from sin and guilt,—
 For who^o ought to his charge shall lay?

CLX.

On Divine Mercy.

- 1 GREAT God^p! thy love and sov'reign care, 8
 As universal^q as the air, 8
 Doth mercy spread to *Adam's* race, 8
 In ev'ry age through earth's wide space! 8
 'Twas mercy that our being gave, 8
 Which still doth interpose to save. 8
- 2 Lo, when the first most happy pair
 Had plung'd themselves in deep despair,
 And were for sin condemn'd to die,
 Mercy as quick as thought did fly,—
 Did promise that the woman's^r seed
 Should bruise the serpent's head indeed!
- 3 And though mankind continues vile,
 In love with sin which doth defile;
 Still Jesus prays and intercedes^t,
 And for the worst of sinners pleads!
 Hence we are spar'd and call'd to prove
 The pow'r of his redeeming^s love.

(j) Prov. xxviii. 1. (k) 1 John iv. 18. (l) Exod. xv. 2.
 (m) Rom. v. 2. (n) 1 Cor. vi. 11. (o) Rom. viii. 33. (p) Deut. x.
 17. (q) Rom. x. 12, 13. (r) Gen. iii. 15. (s) Heb. vii. 25.
 (t) Cal. iii. 13.

- 4 Kind mercy various means doth use,
That man may not damnation chuse :
'Tis mercy warns^t of danger near,
And bids the heedless sinner fear^u :
'Tis mercy that discovers sin^v,
And all our maladies^w within.
- 5 By mercy, lo ! the gospel's^x spread !
By mercy hungry^y souls are fed ;
Salvation^z mercy sounds abroad,
To all who throng the downward road !
Turn^a, mercy cries, turn now and live,
In Christ eternal^b life receive !
- 6 And in temptation's^c darkest hour
Mercy displays her saving pow'r ;
With courage^d makes the humble stand,
And all hell's adverse pow'rs command :
Unshaken firmly^e they remain
Through health and sickness, loss and gain.
- 7 Mercy doth all the faithful keep,
When they pass through^f death's wat'ry deep :
Mercy doth set^g them on that shore,
Where nought can grieve^h or vex them more ;
There mercy their support will be,
And song to all eternity !

CLXI.

Remarks on the Attributes of God.

- 1 **T**REMENDOUS God ! by thy command, . . . 8
On heaps^h the seas like mountains stand ; 8
And surging waves with solemn roarⁱ, . . . 8
Resounds thy praise from shore to shore ! . . . 8

H 6.

(t) Col. i. 28.—Tit. ii. 11. (u) Psal. xxxiii. 8.—Luke xii. 5.
(v) John xvi. 8. (w) Isa. i. 6.—Rom. vii. 18. (x) Mar. xvi. 15.
(y) Psal. cvii. 9.—Matt. v. 6. (z) Isa. lii. 10.—Luke i. 77.—
iii. 6. (a) Ezek. xviii. 32. (b) Rom. vi. 23. (c) 1 Cor. x. 13.
(d) Josh. i. 9. (e) Heb. iii. 6. (f) Psal. xxiii. 4. (g) Rev. xxi. 4.
(h) Exod. xv. 8.—Psal. lxxviii. 13. (i) Jer. xxxi. 35.

- 2 Wind, rain, and thunder, hail and storms,—
Light'ning and fire, in all their forms,
Are each subservient^j unto thee,
Govern'd by thine all-wise decree!
- 3 Dreadful phænomenons^k have been,
Should still more awful ones be seen:
'Tis thine omnipotence that shakes
The rending rocks and earth that quakes!
- 4 Lo! heav'n^l and earth, all things that are,
Do thine almighty pow'r declare:
Hence hell^m doth tremble at thy nod,
And own that thou alone art God.
- 5 Great Godⁿ! thy pow'r is great indeed!
Yet it doth not thy love exceed:
Thine attributes all brightly shine,
But none more bright than love^o divine!
- 6 Who? who sufficient strains can raise
This glorious attribute to praise?
Let those who do salvation prove
For ever own the cause is LOVE^p!

CLXII.

On the Sovereignty of God.

- 1 **T**HE mighty God^a! let nations own, . . . 8
And to his sovereign sway submit: . . . 8
At whose dread nod, kings^r all bow down, . . . 8
And conqu'rors do confounded^t sit. . . . 8
- 2 Behold his works, how great! how wise!
Throughout the vast creation wide:
Above, beneath, through earth and skies,
He over^s all things doth preside.

(j) Exod. ix. 18, --- 29.—1 Sam. xii. 16, --- 19. (k) Num. xvi. 31, 32, 33.—Matt. xxvii. 51. (l) Psal. xix. 1. (m) Jam. ii. 19.—Rev. xx. 14. (n) Deut. x. 17. (o) John xv. 13.—Rom. v. 8, --- 21. (p) Heb. ii. 9, --- 13. (q) Psal. l. 1. (r) Psal. lxxii. 11. (s) Jer. xlviii. 14, --- 20. (s) 1 Chron. xxix. 12.

- 3 In praise^c most gladly they combine,
To shew his majesty and might,
And hence by day the sun doth shine,
So doth the moon and stars by night.
- 4 Loud peals of thunder sometimes roar,
And flaming light'nings flash abroad:
These faintly shew his might and pow'r
To us while earth is our abode.
- 5 His earthquakes shake and rend the ground,
Which large stupendous chasms form!
And rapid floods are often found
To add force when he sends a storm.
- 6 The clouds he empties, or makes full,
And rules the sea^u when raging most;
He giveth fleecy snow^v like wool,—
Like ashes scatt'reth the hoar frost.
- 7 His hand doth send^w or withhold rain,
And makes hail by the wind be driv'n:
The hills, the vales, and ev'ry plain
He waters with the dew of heav'n.
- 8 With herbs and trees he decks the field,
To make the flow'ry carpet green:
Nature exults her fruit to yield,
In ev'ry plant his pow'r is seen.
- 9 The birds with warbling notes do sing
On high their great Creator's praise:
Fishes and beasts do also bring
Him constant homage all their days.
- 10 Both day and night, and time and space
Do their appointed course fulfil:
These all obey, but *Adam's* race
Have sinn'd^x, and are rebellious still.

(t) Psal. cxlv. 10.

(u) Psal. lxxv. 7.

(v) Psal. cxlvii. 16.

(w) Jam. v. 17, 18.

(x) Rom. iii. 23.

- 11 We surely ought above the rest,
 (Since Christ to save mankind did die)
 Learn how in all things we may best
 Our great Creator^y glorify
- 12 Thou God most high ! thou God all-wise !
 From these thy works teach us thy ways,
 That we before thy purer^z eyes
 May live uprightly all our days.

CLXIII.

On false Religion.

- 1 **T**HOU jealous^a God ! to whom is known 8
 The ways wherein we go ; 6
 Our rising^b up, and lying down, 8
 And all we think and do. 6
- 2 How long shall Anti-christ^c deceive,
 And captivate^d mankind,
 By saying they in Christ believe,
 Who do not pardon find ?
- 3 'Tis strange to see what great applause
 Vain empty[†] forms do meet :
 How some suppose they keep thy laws,
 Who lifeless pray'rs repeat.
- 4 These foolish^e builders on the sand,
 Build almost to the skies ;
 But their tall *Babel*^f cannot stand
 When storms and tempests rise.

(y) Isa. xlv. 12. (z) Hab. i. 13. (a) Exod. xx. 5.
 (b) Psal. cxxxix. 2, 3, 4. (c) 2 John 7. (d) 2 Tim. ii. 26.
 (e) Matt. vii. 26. (f) Gen. xi. 4, --- 9.

† It is to be lamented, that there is any reason to believe that some FORMALISTS may be found among religious societies of every denomination : Hence this must not be understood as a reproachful censure fixed upon any of them, but rather as a sorrowful reflection before the Lord for those persons every where to whom it really belongs.

- 5 For all their sins they strive to screen
By a mere outward^s show:
Loving to have their good works seen,
And praise for what they do.
- 6 Others yet more to vice inclin'd,
No godly form maintain:
God's worship they refuse to mind,
And sacred things disdain.
- 7 Some boast of Christ, and in his name
Live feastingⁿ without fear;
And only gloryⁱ in their shame,
Which by their works appear.
- 8 O Lord, send forth thy truth^j and light,—
Let ignorance depart:
Dispel the gloomy shades of night
From ev'ry sinner's heart.
- 9 Convince, convert, and far remove.
All unbelief and pride,
That faith, humility, and love
May make sin all subside.

CLXIV.

On true Religion.

- 1 **W**HERE virtue^k in her place resides, . . . 8
There love bears sway without controul: 8
Hence peace^l and joy therein abides, . . . 8
And all is calm within the soul. . . . 8
- 2 True christian's goodness^m, meeknessⁿ hath
Benev'lence^o, truth^p, and chastity^q:
They're just^r, shews mercy^s, has true faith^s,
With patience^t, hope^u, and purity^v.

(g) Matt. xxiii. 5, --- 32.—Mar. xii. 38, 39, 40.—Luke xx. 45, 47. (h) Jude 12. (i) Phil. iii. 19. (j) Psal. xliii. 3.
(k) Phil. iv. 8.—2 Pet. i. 3, 5. (l) Gal. v. 22. (m) Rom. xv. 14.
(n) 1 Tim. vi. 11. (o) 1 Cor. vii. 3. (p) John viii. 32.
(q) 2 Cor. xi. 2. (r) Prov. iv. 18. (s) Psal. xxxvii. 21.
(t) 2 Cor. v. 7. (u) Rom. v. 2.
(v) 1 John iii. 3.

- 3 They feel compassion^w for mankind,
(And if so blest) the poor^x they feed;
They strive to have their will resign'd^y
To God in ev'ry^z thought and deed^a.
- 4 They friends and foes in want relieve^b,
And are long-suff'ring^c, gentle^d, kind^e;
With pleasure they do wrongs forgive,—
To rage and anger^f not inclin'd.
- 5 They seek no rest in names or forms,
For help^g to God in pray'r they flee:
They're calm^h midst all the raging storms
Of this short life's tempest'ous sea.
- 6 When false professors disappear,
With ev'ry graceⁱ adorn'd these shine: :
Thus fortified, they persevere^j,
And never murmur^k or repine.
- 7 They're not puffed up when mortals smile,
Nor by their threat'ning looks cast down; :
And let what will their names revile,
The cross^l they bear to wear a crown^m!

CLXV.

Remarks on Religion, Caution to Hypocrites, and Encouragement to Believers.

- 1 **L**O! virtue's pathⁿ is falsely trod, 8
If here its pleasures are not known: 8
The saint has free access^o to God, 8
And lives by faith to him alone. 8

(w) Heb. x. 34. (x) Prov. xxii. 9. (y) Psal. cxliii. 10.
(z) 2 Cor. x. 5. (a) Col. iii. 17. (b) Lev. xxv. 35.—Rom. xii.
20. (c) 2 Cor. vi. 6. (d) 1 Thes. ii. 7. (e) Eph. iv. 32.
(f) Prov. xvi. 32. (g) Acts xxvi. 22. (h) 2 Cor. iv. 8, 9.
(i) Eph. iv. 24. (j) Eph. vi. 18. (k) 1 Cor. x. 10. (l) Matt. x. 38.
(m) Rev. ii. 10. (n) Prov. iv. 18. (o) Rom. v. 2.—Eph. ii. 18.—iii. 12.

- 2 'Tis true he's not^p exempt from pain,
From losses, trouble, toil, and care;
But God doth his support remain,
And these all sanctified are.
- 3 The *Tempter* may suggest and try
To bring distress and slavish fear;
But to the tempted^q God is nigh,
And saves his people ev'ry where!
- 4 From heav'n the Holy Ghost^r reveals
A certain[†] knowledge of true peace:
The more the saint his weakness^s feels,
The more God doth his strength increase.
- 5 Hereby then let men ascertain
How far God's favour they've received;
For till his pardon they obtain,
They've no true peace, but are deceiv'd.
- 6 To this, ye hypocrites, give ear,
And search into your dang'rous state:
Ye false professors, quake for fear,
For your vain^t worship God doth hate[†].
- 7 But ye memorials^u of the Lord,
Who bear his mark of holiness^v,—
Fear not, but still his love record,
And joyfully his name confess.
- 8 Your trials here will soon be o'er,
Then you shall have your full reward;
And reign^w with him for evermore
In mansions by himself prepar'd!

(p) John xvi. 33. (q) 1 Cor. x. 13. (r) Heb. x. 15, 16, 17.
(s) Matt. xv. 7, 8, 9. (t) Amos v. 21.
(u) Exod. xiii. 9. (v) Eph. iv. 24. (w) Rev. xxii. 5.

† The Prophet tells us, that *the work of righteousness shall be peace,*
and *the effect of righteousness, quietness and ASSURANCE for ever,*
Isa. xxxii. 17. but hypocrites and unbelievers of every sort are entire
strangers to this.

CLXVI.

On the peaceable nature of Christ's Kingdom.

- 1 CHRIST's kingdom is a place of peace^x,
 Of everlasting joy and love :
 All war^y, and rage, and tumults cease,
 And nought that's hostile there can move. 8
- 2 Wrath cannot come, or blood be shed
 In that harmonious place of rest :
 No mangled bodies there lie dead,
 But all with endless^z life are blest ! 8
- 3 The wolf^z doth there dwell with the lamb,
 The leopard with the kid doth lie :
 The calf, young lion, fatling ram,
 All live in sweetest harmony ! 8
- 4 A little child them all doth lead,
 And has no cause to be afraid :
 The cow and bear, their young ones feed
 Together—having friendship made. 8
- 5 The lion tamely straw doth eat
 With pleasure, like the gentle ox :
 The sucking child and asp doth meet
 To play in holes among the rocks. 8
- 6 The weaned child his hand doth put
 Into the cockatrice's den :
 They hurt not in God's mountain, but
 All praise the Prince of Peace. *Amen.* 8

(x) Isa. ix. 6, 7. (y) Matt. xxv. 46. (z) Isa. xi. 6, --- 9.

§ See Robert Barclay's Apology, page 556, sect. xiii.

CLXVII.

On the House, Prophets, and People of God.

THE Lord himself hath said, mine^a house shall be 10
 An house of pray'r for ev'ry nation free ! 10
 Of this|| then let not hirelings ever make . 10
 A den of thieves who hire for preaching take. 10

(a) Isa. lvi. 7.—Matt. xxi. 13.—Mar. xi. 17.—Luke xix. 46.

|| In the open air it would be improper to use the word *this*, because it implies being in a house; but every house where God is publicly worshiped, as well as the Temple at Jerusalem, ought to be considered as filled with the Lord's presence. Jesus saith, *where two or three are gathered to together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*, Matt. xviii. 20. This is known and understood by his children; here they sit under the droppings of his sanctuary, feel and know the *Holy One of Israel*. Sometimes they are remarkably refreshed by hearing the faithful ministers of the gospel freely deliver what they freely receive from God,—for they are all baptized into one spirit, and they hereby know that he that hath sent them is true: But where God thus condescends to meet his children, the place ought not to be defiled by hireling preachers and money-changers who make merchandize of the gospel; teaching only *for filthy lucre's sake*, Tit. i. 11. lest God, who is jealous of his glory, say, as he did in the days of old, *Who hath required this at your hand to tread my courts?* Isa. i. 12. *Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, they bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and be that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him*, Micah. iii. 5. *I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied*, Jer. xxiii. 21. *Therefore, behold I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one of his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them; and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord*, Jer. xxiii. 30, 31, 32. *Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us*, Micah. iii. 9, 10, 11. From all these passages it is clear that there are no true prophets but those which are **CHOSEN AND SENT BY THE LORD**. If so, there can be no true preaching without true sending; nor is any one truly sent (however furnished with

- 2 Chosen of God all God's own prophets are;
And none else can aright the truth declare :
Let others then not dare his word to preach,
For these tell lies whatever truths they teach.
- 3 And ye that hear, take^b heed unto the word
When it to you is spoken by the Lord !
For his own sheep^c well know their Shepherd's voice,
Refuse a stranger's, but at his rejoice.
- 4 Christ, the good Shepherd, for his sheep doth care ;
His love to them is far beyond compare :
He guards them safe, with his pastoral crook,
Midst verdant herbage near the water brook.
- 5 From danger he a safe retreat prepares,—
The tender lambs^d he in his bosom bears :
He gently leads the old ones big with young,
And likewise heals all that by sin are stung^e.
- 6 O thou who thus regards thy little flock^f,
Whose church^g is founded firm upon a rock ;
We pray in faith and on thy word depend,
Supply our wants, and save us to the end.
- 7 Lord, help the promulgators of thy word,
And with thy Spirit, like a two-edg'd^h sword,
Make Satan's kingdom speedily to fall,—
Set up thine own and be thou ALLⁱ in ALL.

(b) Mar. iv. 24. (c) John x. 1, --- 16. (d) Isa. xl. 11.
(e) 1 Cor. xv. 56, 57. (f) Luke xii. 32. (g) Matt. xvi. 18.
(h) Eph. vi. 17.—Heb. iv. 12. (i) 1 Cor. xv. 28.

natural abilities, literature, or ecclesiastical ordination) but those who are prepared by the holy SPIRIT and sent by JEHOVAH himself : All others only teach from base motives ; and though they may exactly speak the truth in words, yet they will be found *liars* before God ; and for so doing (except they repent) *must have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone*, Rev. xxi. 8. For he who thus speaketh, saith, *I am the Lord, I change not*, Mal. iii. 6. *and my glory will I not give to another*, Isa. xlii. 8.

CLXVIII.

*Caution to Ministers and their Hearers ; with
Prayer for both.*

- 1 **X** ACCA*, (as records teach us to believe) 10
Did in the east vast multitudes deceive: 10
He taught to men most base idolatry, 10
To worship devils in the worst degree. . . 10
- 2 Alas ! how fast this hellish doctrine spread ;
Thousands thereby were instantly misled :
How dang'rous then, where ministers don't teach
The truth, but lies unto their hearers preach ?
- 3 More dang'rous still when hearers never try
The words they hear, but on their priests rely :
False teachers and false hearers thereby sell
Themselves to sin,—the end of which is hell.
- 4 O God arise, and now the truth defend ;
Chuse for thy work true ministers and send
To all mankind ; may they with pow'r declare,
And spread abroad the gospel every where.
- 5 In ev'ry clime assist men by thy grace
To know the truth, and it with joy embrace :
To Anti-christ let none e'er victims fall,
For thou, O Lord^k, art sov'reign Lord of all !

(j) 2 Pet. ii. 1, 2, 3.

(k) 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12.

* " The first founder of Idolatry in the *Indies* and *Eastern* Countries.—This Xacca having retired into a desert, invented the worship of devils, and, at his return out of this solitude, found 80,000 disciples, amongst whom he chose 10,000 to instruct others in these detestable doctrines, &c." See Xacca in *Collier's Dictionary*.

CLXIX.

On the great necessity of our having God to watch over us.

1 **E**XCEPT God^l doth keep the city, . . . 8
 Other watchmen's care is vain; . . . 7
 But awake^m, and full of pity, . . . 8
 This true watchman doth remain; . . . 7
 And his mercyⁿ . . . 4
 Over all his works doth reign! . . . 7

2 Sometimes careless watchmen slumber
 Until the besieged cry;
 And their foes come without number,
 From whose hand they cannot fly;
 Thus whole cities
 Are through them† expos'd to die.

3 Not so, when like *Caleb*^o wholly
 We are steadfast in God's way,—
 Faithful, upright, just, and holy;
 With such he delights to stay;
 And will always
 Keep us safe both night and day.

4 Who amongst us then are saved?
 Come and let these spread his fame,
 (Christ, the seed and root of *David*^p,
 Is unchangeably the same)
 To preserve us
 Always free from sin and blame.

(l) Psal. cxxvii. 1. (m) Psal. cxxi. 3, 4.—Jam. v. 11.
 (n) Psal. cxlv. 9. (o) Josh. xiv. 6, --- 14. (p) Rom. i. 3.—
 Rev. v. 5.

† Through the sloth, false teaching, and bad example of wicked
 pastors, their congregations are exposed to the greatest danger of suffer-
 ing the punishment due to sin; but they would rather be instruments
 of preventing this, were they such as are called and appointed of God.

CLXX.

On Dead Works and Living Faith.

8	E XCEPT God ^a , the all-wise builder,	3
7	Build the house the work is vain:	7
8	Should we build with gold or silver,	8
7	It must be rebuilt again.	7
4	Or in ruin	4
7	Fall and henceforth so remain.	7

2 Man's most lofty best built structure
Will like tow'ring *Babel*^r fall:
Our best works are like some picture,
Or a shadow on the wall,
Till through^t Jesus
We do on JEHÓVAH call.

3 Works are dead^s where faith's not giv'n;
Living faith's the gift^t of God:
Christ, its author^u, came from heav'n,
And alone the wine-press trod^v:
Hence the faithful
All escape his iron^w rod.

4 Gracious God, bestow this favour,
By thy Spirit faith impart:
From all sin be thou our Saviour,
Make and keep us pure in heart;
For thou only
An Almighty Saviour art^x.

(q) Psal. cxxvii. 1. (r) Gen. xi. 4, --- 9. (f) Róm. vi. 23.
(s) Jam. ii. 17, 20, 26. (t) Eph. ii. 8. (u) Heb. xii. 2.
(v) Isa. ixiii. 3. (w) Rev. xix. 15. (x) Isa. xlv. 21. —
Heb. viii. 25.

CLXXI.

A Call to Sinners.

1 **H**ASTE at JEHOVAH's call^y !
 Jesus, who dy'd for ALL^z
 Thus hath design'd
 Sinners to be set free^a
 From their captivity;
 And to true liberty^b
 Calls all mankind.

2 Look^c to him from afar,
 Ye who in bondage are;
 So shall ye find
 Christ, who hath *David's* key^d
 Dy'd on the cursed tree !
 And to true liberty
 Calls all mankind.

3 Hark how his mercy cries,
 Sinners from sin arise;
 Though now confin'd,
 Make Christ your only plea,—
 God all your wants doth see;
 And to true liberty
 Calls all mankind.

4 Come while his Spirit brings
 News of such blessed things
 For men assign'd:
 Goodness doth, like the sea,
 Flow by his own decree,
 Who to true liberty
 Calls all mankind.

(y) Isa. xxvi. 4. (z) 2 Cor. v. 15. (a) Rom. v. 11.
 (b) Gal. v. 1. (c) Isa. xlv. 22. (d) Isa. xxii. 22.—Rev. iii. 7.

5 Come in at Mercy's door^e,
 Ye who are sick and poor;
 Also ye blind,
 With your best friend agree;
 So shall you know 'tis he,
 Who to true liberty
 Calls all^e mankind!

CLXXII.

The Church's Exhortation and Song of Praise.

1 **Z**ION, God's chosen place^s,
 Shineth with truth and grace: . . . 6
 Lo the bright flame! . . . 4
 There he his saints doth bless . . . 6
 Them in whiteⁿ linen dress, . . . 6
 While they his righteousnessⁱ . . . 6
 Loudly proclaim! . . . 4

2 Fly to his mercy-seatⁱ,
 Sinners, and there repeat
 Jesus's fame!
 Cry out^k, O shout and sing,
 Zion's anointed Kingⁱ!
 He doth salvation bring^m,
 Loudly proclaim!

3 Comfortⁿ he doth impart
 To ev'ry mourning heart,
 Who in his name
 Hasteth without delay,—
 Asking^o for Zion's way,
 That there his praise^p they may
 Loudly proclaim!

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(e) Rev. iii. 20. (f) John xii. 32.—1 Tim. ii. 4. (g) Psal. cxxxii.
 (h) Rev. xix. 8. (i) Psal. l. 6. (j) Exod. xxv. 22.—
 Heb. ix. 5. (k) Isa. xii. 6. (l) Acts x. 38. (m) Isa. lix. 16.
 (n) Isa. li. 3.—Matt. v. 4. (o) Jer. l. 5. (p) Psal. cxlvii. 12.

4 Praise waiteth^a, Lord, for thee,
 Who in bright majesty
 Makes known thy name!
 Bread from thy holy hill^r
 Doth all the hungry fill^r;
 Hence we thy goodness will
 Loudly proclaim.

5 Sing^s, O ye heav'ns above;
 Join us, who feel his love,
 To spread his fame;
 Worship and bow before
 Him who our sorrows bore^t;
 And his praise evermore
 Loudly proclaim.

CLXXIII.

The Happy State of the Righteous.

1 **B**LESSED^u and happy are all they
 Whose sins the Lord's forgiv'n:
 To them, how pleasant is the way,
 Who have found peace with heav'n.

2 With sacred love^v their hearts are fill'd
 To all the human race;
 The mind that was before self-will'd,
 Is wholly rul'd by grace.

3 Malice, that monster, now is fled,
 Which them in chains did bind;
 And pride, which other vices fed,
 Can no acceptance find.

(q) Psal. lxxv. 1. (r) Psal. xcix. 9. (s) Psal. cvii. 9.
 Luke i. 53. (s) Isa. xlv. 23.—xlix. 13. (t) Isa. liii. 3, 4, 5.
 (u) Psal. xxxii. 1, 2.—Rom. iv. 7, 8. (v) Rom. v. 5.

- 4 Their anxious cares are at an end,
For God is their delight^w;
On him for all things they depend,
And serve him day and night.
- 5 But O how will their joys increase^z,
When from this flesh set free:
They meet a final, full release
From pain and misery.
- 6 Soon God will in the realms above
Make all his blessings known:
There they shall banquet on his love,
For ever round his throne.

CLXXIV.

For LOVE, which is the greatest of all Blessings.

- 1 **D**OWN on thy waiting children, Lord, . . . 8
With a propitious eye^y: . . . 6
Look now, while we with one accord . . . 8
Do to thyself draw nigh, . . . 6
The only blessing we require, . . . 8
Is LOVE^z,—O grant our hearts desire. . . 8
- 2 To love, all other things compar'd,
Are less than vanity:
'Tis love, by which we are prepar'd
To reign above with thee;
Without it tongues^a do not avail,
And prophecies shall cease and fail.
- 3 Faith, though it mountains could remove,
Is quite a useless thing,
If from the fountain head of love
It does not always spring;
And so is ev'ry gift beside;
Where love is not, they all subside.

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(w) Psal. cxix. 16. (x) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (y) Rom. iii. 25.—
1 John ii. 2,—iv. 10. (z) Eph. iii. 17, 18, 19. (a) 1 Cor. xiii. 1, 2.

- 4 'Tis love that ornaments^b our frame,
 And makes our gifts to shine :
 It cancels all our guilt and shame,
 Becomes our life divine :
 In this thine image, Lord, create
 Us, who do for thy coming wait.

CLXXV.

For the Knowledge of Salvation.

- 1 **C**OME, Lord, and make known . . . 5
 That we are thine own, . . . 5
 That Jesus's blood for our sins did atone^c. . . 11

2 By faith lo we bow
 To worship thee now ;
 Most gracious Redeemer some blessing bestow.

3 With smiles from thy face,
 Display thy free grace^d,
 And shew us that thou doth our off'ring embrace.

4 Send down from above
 The streams of pure love,
 And grant us thy utmost salvation to prove.

CLXXVI.

For Peace, Harmony, and Love.

- 1 **T**HOU AUTHOR^e of peace, . . . 5
 Bid all our jars cease, . . . 5
 That true Christian friendship may daily increase. 11

2 Celestial Dove^f,
 Descend from above,
 And wholly destroy all contrary to love.

(b) 1 Pet. iii. 4.
 (e) 1 Cor. xiv. 33.

(c) Rom. v. 11.
 (f) Matt. iii. 16.

(d) Rom. iii. 24.

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3 O may we agree
In sweet harmony,
And spend all our time and our talents for thee.

4 By faith we'll press on^g,
United in one,
That in us, and by us, thy will may be done.

5 When perfect in love,
Come, Lord, and remove
Thy church from below to thy true church above^h.

CLXXVII.

For Restoration and Unity.

1	H ELP us, thy feeble followers, Lord,	8
	Our fallen souls restore;	6
	And daily guide us by thy word,	8
	That we may fall no more.	6

2 May *Jacob's* precept to his sons,
"Fallⁱ not out by the way:"
Make us walk as redeemed ones,
And for each other pray.

3 Let not one soul be left behind
Of any sect or tribe:
To all that's weak may we be kind,
And anger not imbibe.

4 For why, O Lord, should we divide?
None can divide^j in thee;
We either must to sin backslide,
Or of one spirit be.

(g) Phil. iii. 14.
(i) Matt. vi. 24.

(h) Heb. xii. 22, 23.

(i) Gen. xlv. 24.

- 5 Our union^k we must closely keep,
 Or we shall soon grow cold^l;
 And go astray, like wand'ring sheep,
 From the true SHEPHERD's^m fold.
- 6 Unite us then with constant ties
 Of purest charity,
 That we may sweetly harmonize,
 And evermore agree.

CLXXVIII.

*For the Church, the Ministers of the Gospel, and success
 on their Labours.*

- 1 **V**ISIT thy church^a in love. 6
 From thy bright throne above, 6
 O thou most High^o! 4
 Save in the trying hour, 6
 By thine almighty pow'r, 6
 That we may evermore 6
 God glorify. 4
- 2 Stand by thy chosen^p race,
 Strengthen thy feers^q with grace,
 Now while they cry,—
 That when their foes combine,
 None of them may decline,
 But still through faith divine
 God glorify.
- 3 While they obey thy call,
 Beating the mountains^r small,
 Make Satan fly!
 O let the blaze of day
 Chace all dark clouds away;
 Sinners converted^r may
 God glorify.

(k) Eph. iv. 3, 13. (l) Matt. xxiv. 12. (m) John x
 11, --- 16. (n) Eph. v. 23, 27. (o) Psal. lvi. 2. (p) John xv. 19
 (q) 1 Sam. ix. 9. (r) Isa. xli. 15. (r) Luke v. 24, --- 26.

Nothing's too hard for thee!

Therefore set captives free,—

Don't let one die:

Make ev'ry nation prove

Jesu's redeeming love,

Then in a world above

God glorify.

CLXXIX.

Comfort for Mourners, and Warning for Profane Sinners.

UNCHANGEABLE LORD!

We from faith in thy word,

Our souls on thy promises stay;

For lo thou art true,

Therefore mercy wilt shew,

To bless us thou wilt not delay.

Let no one despair

Who seek humbly in pray'r;

They freely thy grace shall receive:

God cannot deny!

But is bound to supply

All those who in Jesus believe.

Poor mourners^x are blest

With the promise of rest,

Of comfort, of peace, and of love:

These blessings are sure,

When the vile and impure

Do turn and seek help from above.

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(s) Jer. xxxii. 17, 27.

(t) Rom. iii. 24.

(u) Mat. iii. 6.

(v) Luke i. 71, --- 75.—Tit. i. 2.—1 John ii. 25.

(w) Rom. x. 9.

(x) Matt. v. 4.—xi. 28, 29.—John xiv. 23.

4 But, oh! ye prophane!
 If you still will remain,
 Despising the Almighty's rod,—
 Christ thus hath declar'd
 You shall meet that reward,
 "Depart", ye accursed," from God!

5 Not so, the redeem'd
 They now² are esteem'd,
 And soon shall with triumphant joy,
 Eternity spend
 With their Saviour and FRIEND,
 Where nothing their peace can annoy!

CLXXX.

For the full Redemption of Zion.

- 1 **Z**ION^a redeem'd from sin shall be, . . . 8
 And all her converts made quite free: . . . 8
 The mountain^b of the Lord's house stands . . . 8
 Above all mountains made with hands! . . . 8
- 2 All nations to this House shall flow,—
 Come let us hither also go:
 The God of *Jacob* there doth teach,
 And Zion's law expound and preach!
- 3 His kind rebukes may we obey,
 All hostile^c thoughts put far away,
 And of our warlike swords and spears
 Make pruning-hooks, or else plough-shares.
- 4 May nation against nation rise,
 No more with swords or war devise;
 But, with the Prince of Peace^c! delight
 To save^d lives, not destroy and fight.

(y) Matt. xxv. 41. (z) 1 John iii. 2. (a) Isa. i. 27.
 (b) Isa. ii. 2, --- 4. --- Mic. iv. 1, --- 7. (c) Isa. ix. 6.
 (d) Luke ix. 56.

† See a Course of Lectures on the Prophecies, that remain to be fulfilled, delivered in the borough of Southwark, in the year 1788, by ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

‡ See ROBERT BARCLAY's *Apology*, from page 556 to 569.

- 5 Lord, usher in this joyful day,
For which we wait, believe, and pray,
That Jew^e and Gentile ev'ry where,
May all alike his blessings share.

CLXXXI.

On the real change that Conversion makes.

- 1 **S**OON as we seek the Lord aright, . . . 8
Lo what a change takes place ! . . . 6
As truly known^f, as day from night, . . . 8
Is this great work of grace. . . . 6

- 2 When we from sin converted are,
We feel we're born of God :
The joys^g of heav'n then we share,
Nor do we dread his rod.

- 3 Our fruit^h is unto holiness ;
Our claim to endless life
Is sure, for God with peaceⁱ doth bless,
And keep us free from strife.

- 4 We speak^j of what our ears have heard,
And what our eyes have seen ;
Our hands have felt the living WORD,
That makes the conscience clean !

- 5 Thus born^k of God, we cannot sin,
While we give earnest heed
Unto the saving light within,
The pure remaining feed !

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(e) Rom. x. 12, 13. (f) Luke i. 77.—Rom. v. 1, 2.—viii. 16.
(g) Luke xvii. 21.—Rom. xiv. 17.—Gal. v. 22, 23. (h) Rom. vi.
22. (i) Phil. iv. 7. (j) 1 John i. 1, 2, 3 (k) 1 John iii. 9.

CLXXXII.

On the true VINE.

- 1 **C**HRIST is the true and living VINE¹! . 8
 His faints like branches from him grow: 8
 Sap from his root makes them to shine 8
 With heav'nly fruit while here below. 8
- 2 His Father, the true husbandman,
 Takes ev'ry fruitless branch away;
 And purgeth, as no other can,
 The fruitful branches from decay.
- 3 Ye who are purged and made clean,
 Through his indwelling word,
 Continue like an evergreen,
 And bear good fruit unto the Lord.
- 4 Abide in him, and he to you
 Will always vital sap impart:
 Thus fruit, like grapes on ev'ry bough,
 Shall prove your holiness of heart.

CLXXXIII.

On Swearing.

- 1 **"S**WEAR^m not at all, (the holy God hath said!) 10
 "Neither by me, nor ought that I have made; 10
 "For I will punishⁿ those who do remain 10
 "To break my laws, and take my name^o in vain. 10
- 2 "Let your communications therefore be,
 "Yea, yea,—nay, nay; and all with truth agree:
 "For whatsoever else is more than these,
 "Cometh of evil, and doth me displease."

(1) John xv. 1, --- 8. (m) Matt. v. 34, --- 37.—Jam. v. 12.
 (n) Isa. xlii. 11.—Jer. xxi. 14.—Hosea iv. 9. (o) Exod. xx. 7.

3 Examine you who do this sin pursue,
Are these God's words, and are they false or true :
If words have meaning, these must fully prove,
God doth of swearing wholly disapprove.

4 Then let false reas'ner's bow before the Lord !
And now believe what's written in his word ;
For swearing|| makes this guilty land to mourn^p,
And God on us his righteous^q judgments turn.

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(p) Jer. xxiii. 10.

(q) Rev. xvi. 7.—xix. 2.

¶ It is impossible that the Prophet *Jeremiah* should have had more just reason to say, *because of SWEARING the land mourneth*; or to say, that both *Prophet and Priest are profane*, than we have to say thus at the present day : For it is established as an orthodox doctrine, (by learned Prelates and Judges, of the law, both from the pulpit and the press) that *Swearing is a duty commanded of God*, which ought to be complied with whenever it is necessary to confirm the truth, &c. Hence to the great disgrace of those who profess Christianity, one of the most plain and positive commands of the Son of God is entirely reversed, by drawing wrong inferences from what was given to the *Jews*, only for a time, while under a dispensation which afforded but a shadow of good things to come, until Christ, who is the real substance, should come. Seeing then that Christ is come, and that in revealing the will of his Father, he hath said unto us, *Swear not at all*, &c. we ought to obey God rather than man. But having very little room here for controversy, I recommend my readers to lay aside all prejudice, and carefully to read and judge of the *Holy Scriptures* for themselves, which are able to make them *wise unto salvation*, 2 Tim. iii. 15. Much information may also be obtained upon this important subject from the worthy labours of ROBERT BARCLAY. See his *Apology*, from page 542 to 556.—One remark, however, seems necessary to be made of the injustice of some existing laws ;—we find the laws of men, in certain cases, make it a crime to refuse taking an oath, although these persons who refuse are ready, in the most solemn manner, to affirm what these laws are requiring they should swear : And there is other cases where, if conscientious men will not swear (though it is evident they have no other objection, but because they believe swearing is contrary to the law of God) they thereby forfeit that protection which these laws afford to swearers of every description. For instance, should one of these persons who will not swear, see a daring ruffian break open his house, murder his wife and children, take away all his property, and leave himself for dead ; yet should the injured recover, challenge the horrid murderer, and seek to have justice administered ; if no confession can be extorted from the murderer himself, and if no other evidence can be brought against him that will swear,—the answer ac-

- 5 Let none pervert^r the words of the most High !
 For God^s is true, however man may lie ;
 And what he's said, he in his time^s will do,
 Though we know not exactly when or how.

CLXXXIV.

Remarks made upon Sinners and Saints.

- 1 **H**OW dark^r are all who live in sin ? . 8
 They grope^u at noon who live therein ; 8
 But light^v and glad in God are they . 8
 Who walk in wisdom's^w pleasant way. 8
- 2 Happy are they who do rely^x 3
 At all times on the Lord most high !
 From heav'n he will blessings pour,
 And keep them in temptation's^y hour.
- 3 Thrice happy are his faints indeed ! 4
 For on the bread^z of life they feed ;
 And at the streams^a of his free grace
 They bow and drink before his face.
- 4 But sin, however sweet it be,
 Brings certain death^b and misery :
 Hence, 'tis our wisdom, in God's ways
 To spend our residue of days.

(r) Micah. iii. 9. (f) 2 Cor. i. 18.—Rev. vi. 10.—xv. 3.
 (s) Isa. xl. 10.—lx. 22.—Ezek. xxiv. 14. (t) Prov. iv. 19.—
 1 John ii. 11. (u) Deut. xxviii. 29.—Isa. lix. 10. (v) Pf. xcvi.
 11. (w) Prov. iii. 17. (x) Psal. xxxvii. 3, --- 6. (y) Rev. iii.
 10. (z) John vi. 35. (a) Isa. xxxiii. 21.—Rev. xxii. 17.
 (b) Rom. vi. 23.

cording to these laws must be, *This is a criminal case, and no evidence can be admitted without an Oath!* Where then have these who refuse to swear (though from a sense of duty to God) any security from the fore-mentioned laws, either for their lives or their property? I have not pointed out this to stir up discord, but in hopes, that by bringing it to the public eye, it may be duly considered, and at length be brought in a proper manner before our Legislators, praying for redress.

CLXXXV.

On the Blessed State of the Righteous.

- 1 **O**TASE and see^c, and know the Lord is good! 10
 The hungry^d soul he feeds with living food: 10
 He grants the righteous all their hearts desire^e,— 10
 All things which they in Jesu's name^f require. 10
- 2 For these ask nothing but what faith can claim;
 They ask not wealth, honour, or a great name:
 They envy not the high and lofty state
 Of men who in this world are rich and great.
- 3 They know all things to them for good^g are sent,
 And hence they learn to live in true content^h:
 Resign'd to God, they loveⁱ and joy possess,
 And lasting peace, which words can't well express.
- 4 If God to man such blessings doth bestow,
 What can we wish for more while here below?
 We in some measure live like those above,
 And shall ere long immortal pleasures prove!

CLXXXVI.

On the happy effects of Faith.

- 1 **H**APPY! thrice happy is their case, 8
 Who do in God confide; 6
 For he doth them support with grace, 8
 And all their footsteps guide. 6
- 2 Whate'er their outward trials be
 Respecting worldly good,
 He sees their wants continually,
 And gives them needful food.

(c) Psal. xxxiv. 8. (d) Luke i. 53. (e) Prov. x. 24.
 (f) John xiv. 13, 14. (g) Rom. viii. 28. (h) Phil. iv. 11.
 (i) Gal. v. 22. (j) Psal. cxliv. 15.—Prov. xvi. 20.

- 3 For bread^k and water is made sure
By promise in his word;
And of the hardships they endure
He keeps a just record.
- 4 Without his notice not one hair^l
Can fall unto the ground:
There God is present ev'ry where^m,
Whose care does them surround.
- 5 Wallsⁿ of salvation round his saints
He builds on ev'ry side:
The things they want he also grants^o,
Wherever they reside.
- 6 With courage, therefore, they meet death;
And when this world recedes,
In God's way they give up their breath,—
Who them to glory leads!

CLXXXVII.

On the Attributes of GOD.

- 1 “**W**HOP is like unto thee, O Lord, . . . 8
“Amongst the gods? who is like thee?” 8
Glorious in holiness, thy word . . . 8
And works for evermore shall be! . . . 8
- 2 Fearful in praises is thy name,
In doing wonders ev'ry where;
From age to age thou art the same,—
A God, whom all must own and fear!
- 3 Like *Miriam*, triumphantly
Of thy blest attributes we'll sing:
Our foes must all before thee fly,
For thou art an almighty King!

(k) Isa. xxxiii. 16.

(l) Matt. x. 30.

(m) Prov. xv. 3.

(n) Isa. xxvi. 1.—lx. 18.

(o) Prov. x. 24.

(p) Exod. xv.

.21, 20, 21.

(q) I

- 4 Mercy^a and truth in Christ are met,
 And so is righteousness and peace;
 A mother^r may her child forget,
 But to thy church thy love can't cease.

CLXXXVIII.

*A Figurative Description of the manner in which
 GOD exercises some of his Attributes.*

- 1 **T**HE Lord hath put^r on righteousness, . . . 8
 And it doth as a breastplate wear : . . . 8
 His helm salvation doth possess, . . . 8
 But yet his robes of veng^{ance} are ! . . . 8
- 2 He, clad with zeal, as with a cloke,
 His adversaries will repay;
 And in his fury, with one stroke,
 All the incorrigible slay !
- 3 Lo ! his great name, with fear and dread,
 From west and east with glorious light,
 Shall over all the world be spread,
 And chace away the shades of night.
- 4 The enemy, who like a flood
 Comes in to hurt the church with lies,
 Shall by God's Spirit be withstood;
 His standard shall against them rise !

CLXXXIX.

On a Promise made to the Faithful.

- 1 **L**O ! our Redeemer^s, he is come . . . 8
 To Zion, his beloved place ! . . . 8
 For wrestling *Jacob* has made room,— . . . 8
 And likewise all his num'rous race. . . . 8

(q) Psal. lxxxv. 10. (r) Isa. xlix. 15. (s) Isa. lix. 17, 18, 19.
 (s) Isa. lix. 20, 21.

- 2 The Lord a covenant hath made
With him, to free his heirs from blame;
And his own Spirit, (as he said)
Is upon all who know his name.
- 3 The upright seed this Spirit hath,
Which from their seed's seed can't depart:
For ever they the word of faith
Display from ev'ry mouth and heart.

CXC:

On the Blessed State of GOD's Children.

- 1 **B**LESSED^t are they that fear the Lord, . . . 8
And walk in WISDOM's^u way; . . . 6
Who love to hear God's sacred word, . . . 8
And his commands obey. 6
- 2 These, like a fruitful olive-tree^v
Planted in fertile ground,
Shall good fruit bear, and always be
With heaven's blessings crown'd.
- 3 From storms and blasting winds that rise,
They need no evil fear:
Not all malice can devise
Can hurt God's children dear.
- 4 Give glory then to God most high!:
Let all exalt his name:
For us his only Son did die,
By whom salvation came!:

(t) Psal. cxii. 1.
Jer. xvii. 8.

(u) Prov. iii. 17.

(v) Psal. i. 3.

CXCI.

Thanks and Praise.

- 1 **N**OT^w unto us, but thee, O Lord, . . . 8
 All thanks and praise be giv'n, . . . 6
 Who peace† hath to thy church restor'd, . . . 8
 And fallen man forgiv'n! . . . 6
 Let all thy matchless love adore . . . 8
 In songs of praise for evermore. . . 8
- 2 Lo, what a work of sov'reign grace!
 Instead of thy dread rod,
 We see the reconciled^x face
 Of our offended God!
 Let all thy matchless love adore
 In songs of praise for evermore.
- 3 The *Cherubs*^y and the flaming sword,
 That turned ev'ry way,
 No longer keeps us from the Lord,
 Or doth our peace dismay:
 Let all thy matchless love adore
 In songs of praise for evermore.
- 4 Now *Eden* has no sinful strife,—
 The church^z of Christ is free;
 And feeds upon the tree of life^a,
 By living faith in thee:
 Let all thy matchless love adore
 In songs of praise for evermore.

(w) Psal. cxv. 1. (x) 2 Cor. v. 19.—Col. i. 20, 21.
 (y) Gen. iii. 24. (z) Acts xx. 28.—Rom. xvi. 16.—Eph. v.
 25, 26, 27. (a) Rev. ii. 7.

† Since it may be of much use for **PRESERVING** this Peace
 among the faithful, I earnestly recommend them to read a piece which
 is called, *The Way of true Peace and Unity, in the true Church of Christ*,
 written by **WILLIAM DELL**, formerly Master of Convil and Gains
 College, Cambridge.

- 5 But when this veil^b is done away,
 Our ravish'd souls shall prove
 Immortal joys that can't decay,
 In a bright world above:
 And there thy matchless love adore
 In songs of praise for evermore!

CXCH.

On Grace, through the Redemption that is in Jesus Christ.

- 1 **Z**ION shout^c, behold thy KING^d!
 Christ who did redemption^e bring;
 Still he manifests his grace
 To a lost rebellious race. 7
- 2 O how infinite that love,
 Which hath brought him from above!
 Angels publish'd at his birth
 Peace^f and good-will to the earth. 7
- 3 Hence his life he freely gave^g,
 All^h the world from death to save!
 For the worst the LAMB was slain,
 Yet rose from the dead again! 7
- 4 Now he intercedesⁱ on high,
 Boldly^j therefore we draw nigh:
 Without doubts or slavish fear
 We before our God appear. 7
- 5 Let us then our voices raise
 In eternal songs of praise:
 He who doth the world sustain,
 Worthy is o'er all to reign! 7

(b) 2 Cor. iii. 14, --- 18.—Heb. x. 20.
 (d) Luke xix. 38. (e) Rom. iii. 24.
 (g) 1 Tim. ii. 4, 5, 6. (h) Rev. v. 9, --- 13.
 (j) Heb. iv. 16.

(c) Isa. xii. 6.
 (f) Luke ii. 14.
 (i) Heb. vii. 25.

CXCIII.

Exhortation.

- 1 **S**ING to the Lord, for it is meet; . . . 8
 Sing of the Saviour's love: . . . 6
 In joyful songs^k his praise repeat, . . . 8
 As angels do above! . . . 6
- 2 With hopes immortal view the place
 Of your eternal rest^l;
 And exercise his gifts and grace,
 Ye faints, which love him best.
- 3 Come out of *Sodom*^m, linger not,
 Nor stay in all the plains;
 For life escape with righteous *Lot*,
 God's little *Zoar* remains.
- 4 No more look back, as did *Lot's wife*,—
 Remember her sad case!
 Haste on towards the treeⁿ of life,
 There dwell in sweet solace.
- 5 So let us run^o as to obtain
 The promis'd land so near:
 For lo, a rest[†] doth yet remain^p
 There for God's children dear!
- 6 Soon all our toil below shall cease,
 And we in triumph rise
 To hail the glorious **PRINCE OF PEACE**^q,
 When coming^r from the skies!

(k) Rev. v. 9, --- 13.

(l) Heb. iv. 9.

(m) Gen. xix.

14, --- 30.

(n) Rev. ii. 7.—xxii. 14.

(o) 1 Cor. ix. 24.

(p) Heb. iv. 9.

(q) Isa. ix. 6.—Matt. xxiv. 30.

† Many excellent remarks are made concerning this rest, by **RICHARD BAXTER**, in his book, entitled *The Saints Everlasting Rest*.

CXCIV.

The Delight and Prayer of the Righteous.

1 **Y**E ransom'd, all sing
 With one heart and voice;
 The Lord is our King^r!
 Come let us rejoice:
 For surely against us
 The stones^s they will cry,
 If we do not Jesus
 On earth glorify!

2 In life and in death
 O let us proclaim,
 With every breath,
 His goodness and fame,—
 Who from the creation^t
 Intended our good,
 And brought us salvation^u
 By shedding^v his blood!

3 Lord, help us to love
 And do thy commands,
 That thou may approve
 The works of our hands:
 Thus holy and blameless
 Our souls shall draw near,
 And with holy boldness^w
 Before thee appear.

4 By faith we rejoice
 To walk in thy way;
 The BRIDEGROOM'S^x sweet voice
 We love and obey:

(r) 1 Tim. iv. 15.

(s) Hab. ii. 11.

(t) Gen. i. 26.

(u) Heb. v. 9.

(v) Heb. ix. 22.

(w) Heb. iv. 16.

(x) Matt. xxv. 1, -- 10.

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To gaze on his person,
His beautiful face,
And with adoration
Extol thy free grace!

5 But faith, hope, and fear
Shall soon take their flight,
And we shall appear
Array'd all in white^y,—
With our blessed Saviour
And angels above,
For ever and ever
Rejoice in his love!

CXC.V.

Prayer, Choice, and Resolution.

1 **O** Heavenly DOVE^z! 5
Descend from above, 5
And from thy true church here, all darkness remove. 11

2 Come, Lord, and attest^a
In every breast,
That from condemnation^b we now shall find rest.

3 With eager desire
Thy help we require,
To make our affections towards thee aspire.

4 More fully display
Thy goodness, we pray,
That we may with vigour press^c on in thy way.

5 For love is our choice
Wherein we rejoice,
And thereof we'll gladly sing with heart and voice.

(y) Rev. iii. 4, 5.

(z) Matt. iii. 16.

(a) Rom. viii. 16.

(b) Rom. viii. 1.

(c) Phil. iii. 14.

6 In songs evermore
Thee we will adore,
Thou ocean of love^d, without bottom or shore!

CXCVI.

Praise and Prayer.

1 **W**E meet in thy ways
Thy name for to praise,
Yet Lord we fall short in our loftiest lays.

2 But wilt thou despise^e
This small sacrifice,
Which from thine own altar through Jesus doth rise?

3 Far from the most High!
Himself to deny^f,
And not bless his creatures when to him they cry.

4 It never can be!
Therefore we agree
To pray for salvation^g, which cometh from thee.

5 We ask for the same
In Jesus's name^h;
With love let thy Spirit our cold hearts inflame.

6 Now kindle the fire*,
And therewith inspire,—
Enlarge ev'ry heart and grant all we desireⁱ.

(d) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (e) Psal. li. 17. (f) Num. xxiii. 19.—
1 Sam. xv. 29. (g) Acts iv. 12. (h) John xv. 16. (i) Prov. xi.
24.—Mar. xi. 24.

* See the note on Divine Love, page 75, &c.

CXC VII.

Solemn Reflections and Prayer.

- Y**EAR after year rolls round apace, 8
 And mortals daily die; 6
 Nor can the sons of *Adam's* race, 8
 From death's sharp arrows fly! 6
 The generations that are dead,
 Like us have active been;
 But lo, upon the dust we tread
 Of multitudes unseen!
 And who a moment's space can boast,
 That do alive remain?
 Like them we must yield up the ghost,
 And turn to dust again.
 Swiftly we hasten to that hour,
 In which pale ghastly Death
 Shall seize us with resistless pow'r,
 To stop our vital breath.
 O thou in whom we live^m and move,
 And have our being here!
 Prepare us for a world above,
 Before that day appear.
 With solemn weight upon each mind
 Eternal things impress:
 Salvation may we seek and find,
 And joy and peace possess.
 That when the last great trump shall sound,
 Ye dead in Christ arise!
 Our souls light as an hart shall bound,
 To meet him in thee skies.

(j) Heb. ix. 27.

(k) Prov. xxvii. 1.

(l) Gen. iii. 19.

Job xxxiv. 15.

(m) Acts xvii. 28.

(n) 1 Cor. xv. 52.

1 Thes. iv. 16, 17.

CXCVIII.

On the last Judgment.

YE saints^o who love and fear the Lord,
 Rejoice in him with one accord,
 Until the trump^p of God you hear,
 And see the Judge to judgment come;
 Who will reward^q or fix the doom
 Of all the world, who must be there!

2 How awful that tremendous day!
 When God his vengeance^r will display
 On wicked and ungodly men?
 With consternation each will dread
 To meet the Judge^r of quick and dead!
 But none can shun his judgments then.

3 Much diff'rent then will be the state^s
 Of God's dear saints, who they did hate,
 And persecute to bonds and death:
 Quite undismayed these will stand
 With glory crown'd at God's right hand!
 Who in his cause gave up their breath.

4 Be faithful then, and stand your ground,
 Hell's rage and malice to confound,
 Whatever pain you may endure:
 For lo, the Lord will soon descend^t,
 And wholly make your troubles end
 In peace, which is for ever sure!

(o) Psal. xxxi. 23.—xxxiv. 9. (p) 1 Cor. xv. 52.
 1 Thes. iv. 16. (q) Matt. xvi. 27. (r) Isa. lix. 17, 18.
 2 Thes. i. 7, 8. (s) 2 Tim. iv. 1. (s) Matt. xxv. 31, — 46.
 (t) 1 Thes. iv. 16, 17.

CXCIX.

*Praise for the Blessings received through the intercession
of Christ.*

1	J EHOVAH ^u great I AM!	6
	All glory be to thee,	6
	And praise unto the slaughter'd LAMB ^v	3
	For ever be:	4
	To thee belongs all might,	6
	Thou all-creating God,—	6
	Mercy to shew is thy delight ^w ,	8
	And not thy rod.	4

2 Should'st thou destroy our land,
We do deserve to die;
And suffer by thy mighty hand,
We can't deny;
But Christ, our great^x high Priest,
The mercy-seat^y hath spread,
That ev'ry hungry soul may feast
On living^{*} bread.

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(u) Exod. iii. 14.—vi. 3. (v) Rev. v. 12, 13. (w) Jer. ix.
24.—Mic. vii. 18. (x) Heb. iv. 14. (y) Heb. ix. 5, --- 12.

* Jesus said, *I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me, shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me, shall never thirst.*—Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you—for my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, &c. However it appears from the History of many ages, that these sayings have always been (as they are now) but very little understood by the greatest part of mankind; and all the while the great whore that sitteth upon the waters, has been making herself drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And to this very day she still prevails upon the kings of the earth to commit fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth to drink the wine of her fornication. But blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; his eye is upon the righteous and his ear is open to their cry; and while they look unto him, he appoints salvation for walls and bulwarks around them. He also gives

- 3 Hence still he intercedes^z
 For *Adam's* fallen race,—
 And God, in answer to our needs,
 Relieves our case !
 He grace^a and glory gives,
 And no good thing withholds;
 Thus from the^b *serpent's* pow'r retrieves,
 Whom he infolds.
- 4 With comfort, peace, and joy
 We are already blest;
 And should all hell their force employ
 Us to molest:
 Through ev'ry danger led,
 Drawn by the bands^c of love,
 We follow after Christ, our HEAD^d,
 To realms above !
- 5 There angels^e do rejoice
 For ever round the throne;
 Incessantly with heart and voice
 They join in one:
 Much more to magnify,
 Come, brethren, likewise then,
 And let us praise the Lord most High!
Amen, amen.

(z) Heb. vii. 25. (a) Psal. lxxxiv. 11. (b) Rev. xii. 9.—
 xx. 2. (c) Hos. xi. 4. (d) 1 Cor. xi. 3. (e) Rev. v. 11, 12, 13.

them to see that there is *upon her forehead a name written*, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATION OF THE EARTH. So that however she may make war against them, or strive with *lying wonders and pretended mysteries* to deceive, she cannot overcome the LAMB and his sincere followers. Let us then not turn our eyes to a *worldly sanctuary* adorned with a *candlestick and table* whereon is *show-bread*, or to what is now called *Sacramental Bread and Wine* and the like,—for *outward things* were only of use under the *first covenant*. Neither let us answer, like the ancient unbelieving *Jews*,—*how can this man give us his flesh to eat?* as though he had meant that they should eat some outward thing; for it is plain that he was not pointing them to any outward thing or carnal ordinance whatever, but to that spiritual communion and fellowship with the Father, which can only be enjoyed in and through the Son, by the powerful operation and influence of the Holy Spirit. See John vi. 35, --- 58.—Rev. xvii. 1, &c.—It may also be of great use to the serious who are desirous to gain information upon this subject, to peruse a *Treatise on the Lord's Supper*, so called by JOHN GRATTON.

CC.

*On the Priesthood of Christ, and the efficacious Power
of his atoning Blood.*

- 1 **T**HOU great^f high Priest! thy blood alone 8
Doth for our sins atonement^g make: . . . 8
It pleads as still before God's throne, . . . 8
And we are spared for thy sake! . . . 8
- 2 Its truly efficacious pow'r
Displays the fulness of thy grace,
By which, in ev'ry trying hour,
We cheerfully thy cross embrace.
- 3 We for thy sake count all things dross
But as they help our souls to thee;
And hence we welcome pain and loss,
In hopes of endless liberty.
- 4 Still may we press^h towards the prize,
Faith views in yon bright world above,—
Until before our ravish'd eyes,
The God appears we unseen love!

CCI.

For Purity.

- 1 **B**LESSEDⁱ are all the pure in heart, . . . 8
For they with comfort shall see God! . . . 8
When the ungodly^j must depart . . . 8
To feel his sin-avenging rod: . . . 8
There they will (though in sorrow) tell . . . 8
That God is just^k to them in hell. . . . 8

K 2

(f) Heb. iv. 14. (g) Rom. v. 11. (h) Phil. iii. 14.
(i) Matt. v. 8. (j) Psal. i. 4, 5, 6.—vii. 11, 12, 13.—
Matt. xxv. 43, ——— 46. (k) Rom. iii. 8.—Rev. xvi. 7.

- 2 O thou, whose promises^l are sure !
 Our eyes^m have thy salvation seen ;
 Now speakⁿ the word, and make us pure,
 For lo we wait to be made clean :
 Renew^o us, Lord, in righteousness,
 And let us all thy mind^p possess.
- 3 HEAD^q of thy church ! help us to show
 That our whole treasure^r is above,
 And henceforth make the world to know
 There are some perfect^t in thy love :
 May all our words and works combine
 To prove that we are really thine.

CCII.

Invitation to Praise GOD—Proper for MORNING.

- 1 **A** WAKE ! God bids his saints rejoice^s ; . 8
 Him let us praise with heart and voice, 8
 Who hath refresh'd us in the night, . 8
 And blest us with the morning light. . 8
- 2 In hymns we'll sing of his great love,
 As angels do in heav'n above !
 Whose blessings, like the crystal dew,
 Are ev'ry morn and ev'ning new.
- 3 'Tis he who fills^t all time and space,
 And may be found in ev'ry place,
 That ever is so wond'rous kind,
 And merciful^u to lost mankind !

(l) 2 Cor. i. 20. (m) Luke ii. 30. (n) Mar. i. 40, 41, 42.
 (o) 2 Cor. iv. 16. (p) Phil. ii. 5. (q) 1 Cor. xi. 3.
 (r) Luke xii. 33. (s) Matt. v. 48.—Phil. iii. 15. (t) Deut. xii.
 12.—Psal. xxxiii. 1.—Isa. xli. 16.—Phil. iv. 4. (u) Jer. xxiii. 23, 24.
 (v) Psal. ciii. 8, 9.

- 4 'Tis this, great God! that gives us breath,
 Who snatch'd us from the jaws of death:
 His hand supplies all flesh with food,
 And ev'ry other needful good.
- 5 Behold the wonders^w he hath wrought,—
 His own right^x arm salvation brought!
 Therefore let all the world confess,
 And serve **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

CCIII.

On the Wisdom, Providence, and Grace of GOD—
Proper for MORNING.

- 1 **L**O! how the sweet return of light, . . . 8
 Doth praise from ev'ry tongue invite: . . . 8
 Awake, ye faints, from sloth arise, . . . 8
 To offer morning sacrifice^z. 8
- 2 Mark how God's wisdom is display'd
 In ev'ry thing his hand^a hath made;
 And how his providential care,
 Doth good^b things for our use prepare.
- 3 But most of all behold his grace^c,
 Beyond compare to *Adam's* race;
 Both *Jew*^d and *Gentile*, bond and free,
 Alike do his salvation see!
- 4 Let all the world with joy break^e forth,
 From east^f to west, from south to north,—
 And to the Lord hosannahs^g raise
 In hymns^h of universal praise.

K 3

(v) Acts xvii. 25. (w) Psal. cxxxvi. 1, --- 26. (x) Psal. xlv. 3.
 (y) Jer. xxiii. 6. (z) Heb. xiii. 15. (a) Isa. xlv. 12. —
 Heb. i. 10. (b) Psal. cxlv. 15, 16. — Matt. vii. 11. (c) Tit. ii. 11.
 (d) Rom. x. 12, 13. — Gal. iii. 28. — Col. iii. 11. (e) Isa. lii. 9.
 — Gal. iv. 27. (f) Psal. cvii. 2, 3. (g) Matt. xxi. 9, 15. —
 Mark xi. 9, 10. — John xii. 13. (h) Matt. xxvi. 30. —
 Mar. xiv. 26. — Eph. v. 19. — Col. iii. 16.

- 5 Praise God, who into being brought
 All¹ worlds from chaos, or from nought :
 Praise him who dy'd^j for sinners lost,—
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost !

CCIV.

MORNING *Sacrifice.*

- 1 **J**EHOVAH, Lord, all thanks and praise . . . 8
 To thy great name be giv'n : . . . 6
 Our grateful hearts we gladly raise . . . 8
 Devoutly unto heav'n : . . . 6
 O let our morning sacrifice^k . . . 8
 To thee as pleasing incense^l rise . . . 8
- 2 Thy kind protection, while we slept,
 And providential care
 Hath from misfortunes safely kept :
 Hence, still preserv'd^m we are,—
 O leave us not, but aid we pray,
 And bless us, Lord, throughout this day.
- 3 Inspire us with thy loving mind,
 And grant us daily food :
 May we through Christ salvationⁿ find,
 And ev'ry needful good :
 Let all mankind likewise be blest
 With pardon^o, peace^p, and endless rest^q.
- 4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 In a perpetual song,
 Be praise by the redeemed^r host,
 And high angelic throng :
 One triune[†] God let all adore
 For ever and for evermore.

(i) John i. 3. (j) Rom. v. 6, 8.—xiv. 9. (k) Psal. liv. 6.
 —Rom. xii. 1.—Heb. xiii. 15. (l) Psal. cxli. 2. (m) Psal. xxxvi. 6.
 (n) 1 Thes. v. 9. (o) Isa. lv. 7. (p) John xvi. 33.
 (q) Matt. xi. 28, 29.—Heb. iv. 9. (r) Rev. v. 9, --- 14.

† See the note on the Scripture Doctrine of the Trinity,
 page 96 and 97.

CCV.

MORNING DEVOTION.

Praise arising from a sense of Divine Love.

1 **A** WAKE^r and let us sing^s 6
 Of our Creator's love^t, — 6
JEHOVAH over all is King^u 8
 In earth and heav'n above ! 6
 * *O praise the Lord, hallelujah,* 8
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord ! 8

2 Throughout the night he blest,
 And with the morning light
 Hath rais'd us up again from rest,
 To see his glory bright^v.
O praise the Lord^w, hallelujah^x,
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord !

3 His Spirit^y now inclines
 Us at his throne^z to meet;
 And while his mercy^a on us shines,
 We will his praise repeat.
O praise the Lord^b, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord !

4 We'll now exalt his name^c
 For all his works of grace^d;
 And evermore aloud proclaim^e
 His love^f to Adam's race.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord !

K 4

- (f) Psal. lviii. 3. (s) Isa. xlii. 11. (t) Isa. xl. 28, 29.
 (u) Isa. xliii. 15. (v) 2 Cor. iv. 6. (w) Psal. lxvii. 3, 5.
 (x) Rev. xix. 1, --- 6. (y) Gal. iv. 6. (z) Heb. iv. 16.
 (a) Tit. iii. 5. (b) Psal. cxlvii. 1. (c) Psal. xxxiv. 3.
 (d) Eph. i. 6, 7. (e) Isa. xii. 4, 5, 6. (f) Rom. v. 8.

* These two last lines in each verse are only added as a chorus,
 and may either be used or omitted.

CCVI.

EVENING DEVOTION.

*Thanks and Praise for free Grace, with a lively hope
reaching forward to Glory.*

1 **E**TERNAL glory^s be 6
 To our great God^h on high ! 6
 Who gave his Sonⁱ to set us free, 8
 That we might never die^j. 6
O praise the Lord, hallelujah, 8
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord ! 8

2 In grateful songs we'll give
 Thanks for his boundless love ;
 By whose free^k grace alone we live,
 And seek the things above^l.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah, 3
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord ! 3

3 We still, through his free grace,
 To glory^m will press onⁿ,—
 Till we unveil'd behold his face^o,
 And know our work is done.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah, 4
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord ! 4

4 Another day has prov'd
 To us his guardian care^p ;
 Who from us evil^q hath remov'd,
 And ev'ry hurtful snare.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah, 4
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord ! 4

5 Ye angels, bear the sound
 From earth above the skies ;
 And, O ye nations all around !
 Let praise as incense^r rise.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah, 4
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord ! 4

(g) 1 Tim. i. 17. (h) Deut. x. 17. (i) John iii. 16.
 (j) John vi. 50, 54. (k) Rom. iii. 24. (l) Col. iii. 2.
 (m) 1 Pet. 5, 10. (n) Phil. iii. 14. (o) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.
 (p) 1 Pet. v. 7. (q) Prov. xii. 21. (r) Rev. viii. 4.

CCVII.

EVENING *Ejaculations.*

- 6
6
8
6
8
8
- 1 **K**ING OF GLORY^f ! let thy light . . . 7
 Shine upon us day and night : . . . 7
 Therewith let our souls be blest, . . . 7
 While our bodies are at rest. 7
- 2 If we to another day
 In these earthly^s houses stay ;
 Lord, from evil do thou keep,
 And renew our strength with sleep.
- 3 But should thou permit that we
 In the night afflicted be ;
 O assist us, by thy pow'r,
 To survive the trying hour. . .
- 4 If our mortal change should come,
 Take us to our long sought home : :
 To that glorious land above
 Of eternal^t life and love. . .

CCVIII.

On *JEHOVAH's Paternal Love,—proper for*
EVENING.

- ii. 16.
iii. 2.
iii. 12.
- 1 **L**ET all that breathe^u hosannahs raise, . . . 8
 And gladly sing JEHOVAH's praise ; . . . 8
 Whose hand supplies all flesh^v with food, . . . 8
 And ev'ry other needful good^w ! 8

K 5

(f) Psal. xxiv. 7, - - - 10. (s) 2 Cor. v. 1. (t) Mar. x. 30.
 (u) Psal. cl. 6. (v) Psal. cxxxvi. 25. (w) Psal. xxxiv. 10.

- 2 But we, the monuments of grace,
The fallen sons of *Adam's* race,
Above the rest, ought to declare
Thy love and wise paternal care.
- 3 This day, while dangers did surround,
Both seen and unseen, we have found
The hand^x that saveth from all ill,
To be our God and Saviour^y still.
- 4 The same almighty hand doth bless
Us with what faith^z we now possess:
Lo this we exercise on thee,
And are through Christ from sin set free^a.
- 5 Hence we lay down in peace to sleep^b;
Us, Lord, do thou securely keep:
For wholly in thy grace we trust,
Whose love is^c set upon the just.

CCIX.

*Faith, Prayer, and Resignation,—proper when laying
down at NIGHT.*

- 1 **W**E'LL now lay down in peace to rest, 8
And put our trust in thee: 6
The God who hath with pardon blest, 8
And us from sin set free! 6
Be thou our keeper day and night, 8
For lo, the saints are thy delight^d. 8
- 2 In darkest shades of midnight gloom,
O let the light^e of grace
From thy most glorious presence come,
That we may see thy face;
And ev'ry moment let us prove
A constant growth^f in faith and love.

(x) John x. 28. (y) Isa. xlv. 21, 22. (z) Eph. ii. 8.
(a) Rom. viii. 1, 2. (b) Psal. iv. 8. (c) Psal. xci. 14.—
1 John iii. 1, 2. (d) Prov. xi. 20. (e) 1 John i. 7. (f) Eph. iv. 15.

- 3 Shine on us, Lord, for lo we wait
 Thy pleasure to fulfil;
 To stay or leave this mortal state,
 Which ever is thy will:
 Hence all we have, and all we are,
 We now commit unto thy care^s.

CCX.

A Figurative Description of CHRIT as a SHEPHERD.

- 1 **C**HRIST, the GOOD SHEPHERD^h of his sheep, 8
 Doth safely keep them from all harm; 8
 But hirelings[†] either fall asleep, 8
 Or fleeth at the wolf's alarm. 8
- 2 How blest then are that little flockⁱ,
 Who in his pastures^j safely feed?
 In drought unto the shady-rock^k,
 And living streams^l he them doth lead.
- 3 He of himself his life laid down,
 That he eternal life might give;
 And this to all he will make known,
 Who still on barren mountains live.
- 4 Though far and wide his sheep have stray'd,
 Amidst the dark and cloudy day;
 They of one fold shall all be made,
 And their CHIEF SHEPHERD^m's voice obey.
- 5 Hence we'll promulge his name with joy,
 And gladly spread the joyful sound;
 For he at last will death destroy,
 Till evil[§] no where shall be found!

K 6

- (g) 1 Pet. v. 7. (h) John x. 11, &c. (i) Luke xii. 32.
 (j) Ezek. xxxiv. 11, --- 16. (k) Isa. xxxii. 2. (l) Cant. iv. 15.
 (m) 1 Pet. v. 4.

† See the *Trial of Spirits*, by WILLIAM DELL; and an *Essay on Evangelical Purity*,—shewing the indispensable necessity of holiness to the being of a Gospel-Minister, by RICHARD CLARIDGE: Also the note, page 163 and 164.

§ Concerning Jesus, it is said that he partook of flesh and blood, that through death he might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is,

CCXI.

For GOD to manifest himself according to his Promise.

I **B**EHOLD this congregation, Lord, . . . 8
 That's met to pray and hear thy word : . . . 8
 As thou hast promis'd—now appearⁿ, . . . 8
 And manifest^o thy presence here ; . . . 8
 That by thy coming we may prove . . . 8
 The pow'r of thy redeeming^p love : . . . 8
 'Tis to the living God^q, we cry ! . . . 8
 For none else can our wants supply. . . . 8

(n) Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.

(o) John xiv. 20, 21.

(p) Rom. iii. 24.

(q) Psal. lxxxiv. 2.

the devil, Heb. ii. 14. And that *there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, &c.* Rev. xxi. 4. and again that *there shall be no more curse*, Rev. xxii. 3. Yet many gospel ministers and good men, by laying too much stress upon other passages of Scripture, do, in the most strenuous manner, assert quite the contrary. Hence some have erroneously represented the GOD OF LOVE, (*whose mercy is everlasting*) as being full of eternal implacable wrath to the greatest part of mankind,—and to all the fallen angels. A few poetical lines which I have lately met with from an unknown author, I shall here give as a specimen,—though big with infernal horror, far too shocking for the human understanding.

“ Infinite years in torments shall I spend,
 “ That never, never, never have an end ?
 “ And must I live in torturing despair
 “ As many years as atoms in the air ?
 “ When these are gone, as many thousands more,
 “ As grains of sand that crowd the ebbing shore :
 “ When these are gone, as many to ensue,
 “ As piles of grais on hills and dales that grew :
 “ When these are gone, as many more behind,
 “ As leaves in forests shaken with the wind :
 “ When these are gone, as many on the march,
 “ As starry lamps that gild the spangled arch :
 “ When these expir'd, as many millions more,
 “ As moments in the millions pass'd before :
 “ When all these doleful years are spent in pain,
 “ And multiply'd by misery again,
 “ Till numbers drown'd the thought, could I suppose
 “ That then my wretched years were at a close ?
 “ This would afford some ease. But O I shiver
 “ To think upon that dreadful word, for ever !
 “ This burning gulph, where I blaspheming lie,
 “ 'Tis time, no more, but vast eternity !

For an answer to these, I refer the reader to the worthy labours of the Rev. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

- 2 'Tis God we want,—that God alone
 Who hath of old his wonders^r shown!
 With power come, and Lord, impart
 True life to ev'ry waiting heart;
 And grant that henceforth we may be
 At all times wholly led by thee;
 Till from this vale of tears we rise
 To sing thy praise above the skies.

CCXII.

Faith in GOD for the fulfilment of his Promises.

- 1 **J**EHOVAH Jah! eternal is thy fame; . . . 10
 Hence we are met to worship in thy name: 10
 For Jesu's sake, O Lord, thy children hear, . . . 10
 And now, as in the ancient days, appear^r. . . 10
- 2 Our off'ring and ourselves, O God, receive,
 For we do all thy promises believe;
 Strengthen our faith, and let thy love combine
 In all our works, to prove that we are thine.
- 3 Heaven and earth shall sooner pass^s away
 Than thou canst lie^t, or thy own word gainsay!
 Thou cannot change^u, nor yet thyself deny^v,—
 Therefore we on thy faithfulness rely.
- 4 Thine arm shall save^w, and keep the faithful here
 Unhurt by sin or any servile fear:
 Christ, to redeem from^x death and misery,
 Did die, and hath for ever made us free!

(r) Psal. lxxvii. 11. (f) Acts ii. 2, &c. (s) Matt. xxiv. 35.
 (t) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18. (u) Mal. iii. 6. (v) 2 Tim. ii. 13.
 (w) Isa. xl. 11. (x) Gal. iii. 13.

CCXIII.

*Praising GOD, and desiring to be like Christ in all
his immitable Perfections.*

- 1 **C**OME, ye who wish to dwell above, . . . 8
Join us to praise the God^y of love ! . . . 8
For now with joy we gladly sing . . . 8
Of Christ, our Prophet^z, Priest^a, and King^b ! . . . 8
- 2 Ye unconverted, hear us tell
How he redeem'd our souls from hell ;—
Haste his great mercy to embrace,
And share the riches of his grace.
- 3 O may we all henceforth confess,
And own **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS** ;
Always to him our wills resign,
With good works to his glory shine.
- 4 May we his great example^d mind,—
Be humble, merciful, and kind ;
Forgive and love our greatest foes,
And sin with prudent zeal oppose.
- 5 Hence, if we suffer for his name
Much vile reproach or outward shame ;
Still may we glory in his cross^e,
For all things else are dung^f and dross.
- 6 Patient in suff'ring may we be
Fixt patterns of true piety ;
Through health and sickness, loss and gain,
In death of hardships not complain.
- 7 Thus, while God doth his grace dispense,
Faith will prove more than mere pretence ;
For works^g shall of our faith declare,
That we in Christ new creatures^h are.

(y) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (z) Deut. xviii. 15. (a) Heb. ix. 11.
(b) Isa. xxxii. 1. (c) Jer. xxiii. 6. (d) 1 Pet. ii. 21
(e) Gal. vi. 14. (f) Phil. iii. 8. (g) Jam. ii. 17, — — — 26.
(h) 2 Cor. v. 17.—Gal. vi. 15.

8 Lord, grant to us and all mankind
 Thy Spirit constantly to find;
 And let us all the fulness prove
 Of thy unmeasurable love.

CCXIV.

*For Grace to endure Suffering, the Conversion of our
 Enemies, and the downfall of Satan's Kingdom.*

- 1 **G**IVE suff'ring graceⁱ, Lord, we implore, 8
 While we are here below; . . . 6
 For lo, the wicked rage and roar, . . . 8
 And hate the way we go. . . . 6
- 2 Give us the bond of charity^j,
 That we may not repine;
 But love and bless our enemy^k,
 And to thy will resign.
- 3 For once, like them, (unchang'd by grace)
 We scorn'd a serious thought;
 And daily sinn'd before thy face,
 But thou a change hast wrought.
- 4 O that thou likewise would redeem,
 And save these wand'ring sheep,
 That they may not thy name blaspheme,
 But all thy precepts keep.
- 5 Send down thy Spirit from above,—
 Our enemies convert,
 And let the flames of sacred love
 Chace sin from ev'ry heart.
- 6 O let us see the great downfall
 Of Satan's kingdom here,
 Till all^l the world, both great and small,
 Do thy great name revere.

(i) 2 Cor. iv. 6, --- 18.
 (l) Heb. viii. 11.

(j) Col. iii. 14.

(k) Matt. v. 44.

CCXV.

*For Grace to bear Reproaches, and that GOD may
save the Wicked.*

- 1 **T**O save, O God, do thou arise^m, . . . 8
 With grace replenish all our wants; . . . 8
 For wicked men plot and devise . . . 8
 Which way they may destroy thy saints. . . 8
- 2 With scornful taunts, and much disdain,
 They fret and foam, and madly rave;
 Hence, with reproach and flanders vain,
 They act more cruelⁿ than the grave.
- 3 But sav'd by thee, lo! we rejoice^o,
 And on thy pow'r alone rely:
 Thy will^p for ever be our choice,
 Through whom we all their rage defy.
- 4 Tremendous great almighty God!
 Who rules o'er heav'n, and earth, and hell,
 Shouldst thou assume thy iron rod^q,
 Oh! who their anguish^r then could tell?
- 5 But such as live in this sad state,
 Do thou for Jesu's sake, we pray,
 Anew in righteousness create^s,
 And save them from the downward way.
- 6 Come, holy Ghost, thou heav'nly DOVE^s!
 Make all our foes with us to share
 A portion of redeeming^t love,
 And for a coming world prepare.

(m) Psal. iii. 7. (n) Heb. xi. 36. (o) Matt. v. 10, 11, 12.
 (p) Matt. vi. 10. (q) Rev. xix. 15. (r) Rom. ii. 9.
 (s) Eph. ii. 10. (t) Tit. ii. 14.

CCXVI.

To glorify GOD in Sufferings and in Death.

- 1 **W**ITH joy^u, the saints^v of the most High
 On earth did suffer pain and loss :
 Like them we ought to glorify
 Our God, and bear the hallow'd cross^w. . . 8
- 2 O may we glory^x in the same,
 And at our suff'rings not repine,
 But welcome pain, and loss, and shame,—
 Our lives, and all for Christ resign.
- 3 Victorious^y when we cease to breathe,
 May we a crown^z of life obtain ;
 Then wearing this triumphal wreath,
 Lord, let us view the monster slain^a.
- 4 Lo ! what a cloud^b of witnesses
 Have suffer'd gladly for thy name :
 These all went through this wilderness ;
 Grant us like faith to do the same.

CCXVII.

For the Salvation of the Persecuted, and their Persecutors.

- 1 **A**Lmighty God^c of sov'reign pow'r ! . . 8
 Look from thy throne above ; . . . 6
 And in temptation's trying hour . . . 8
 Support us by thy love. 6
- 2 For sinners^d hunt us up and down ;
 They drive us to and fro,
 To desert lands or caves unknown,
 Bent on our overthrow.

(u) Heb. x. 34. (v) Dan. vii. 25. (w) Luke xiv. 27.
 (x) Gal. vi. 14. (y) 1 Cor. xv. 57. (z) Rev. ii. 10.
 (a) Eph. ii. 16. (b) Heb. xi. 1, --- 40.—xii. 1. (c) Gen. xvii. 1.
 (d) Mic. vii. 2.

- 3 Brothers in Christ, who love most dear,
Are forc'd to part far wide;
But thou art present every where!
They can't thy church^e divide.
- 4 For thou her number^f ascertains,
And safe doth ZION keep^g:
Come, Lord, and bind our foes in chains,
And save thy scatter'd sheep^h.
- 5 Let our fierce hunters feel thy rod,
And them correction give,
That they may know that thou art God,
And turn to thee and live.

CCXVIII.

God is a Defence to the Righteous, but he Rebukes the Wicked.

- 1 **G**OD is a sure defenceⁱ to those . . . 8
Who in his name do trust: . . . 6
He saves from all combined foes . . . 8
Who seek to slay the just. . . 6
- 2 At his rebukes^j the wicked flee,
Confounded and distress'd;
Asham'd^k, while they the righteous see,
With his salvation bless'd.
- 3 Sing, therefore, ye redeem'd, with joy
Unto the Lord most high!
For ever all your pow'rs employ,
His name to magnify.

(e) Matt. xvi. 18. (f) Matt. x. 30. (g) Isa. xlii. 13.
(h) Jer. xxiii. 1, --- 4. (i) Psal. lxii. 2, 6. (j) Psal. xxxix. 11.
(k) Luke xiii. 17. (p)

CCXIX.

*On Christ Metaphorically Represented as the BREAD
OF LIFE.*

1 **O** Joyful tidings for mankind ! 6
The dispensation's o'er¹ 8
Of types, for Christ is come we find,— 8
These are of use^m no more. 6

2 Why should we long or fret for these
Poor elemental things,
That can't the burthen'd conscience ease
Of guilt which sinning brings ?

3 Lo shadowsⁿ are wax'd old and vain,
And soon shall die away ;
But Christ the substance^o doth remain
The same without delay !

4 We eat his flesh^p, we drink his blood,
And wholly live thereby :
Except this be our daily food
We lose our strength and die.

5 Through him^a, we with the Father find
Acceptance, joy, and peace ;
And are to suff'ring made resign'd,
When troubles most increase.

6 Hence love is cold, true joy is fled,
And peace is at an end,
If we receive not living bread †
From Christ, the sinner's friend.

(1) Rom. vi. 14.—Gal. iii. 23, 24, 25.—iv. 4. (m) Gal. iii. 21.
—Heb. vii. 19. (n) Col. ii. 17.—Heb. x. 1. (o) Heb. x. 34.
(p) John vi. 53, --- 56. (q) Rom. v. 1, &c.

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ix. 11.

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 (p) John vi. 53, --- 56. (q) Rom. v. 1, &c.

(m) Gal. iii. 21.
 (o) Heb. x. 34.

† See the note, page 193 and 194.

- 7 For this we therefore pray, O Lord,
 We ask it in his name^r :
 Our trust is also in thy word,
 Which promiseth^t the same.
- 8 Thine arms are open while we pray,
 More of this food to give ;
 By eating thereof, day by day,
 We shall for ever live.

CCXX.

The Church Militant exulting in GOD.

- 1 **F**ATHER of Spirits^r bright ! 6
 What glorious beams of light^t 6
 Still shine on all thy church below ? 8
 'Tis thy peculiar care^u, 6
 (Most beautiful and fair) 6
 Which hell^v can never overthrow ! 8
- 2 Supported by thy love,
 We climb to realms above,
 And tread the world beneath our feet !
 We smile at toil and wo,
 Triumphant as we go.
 Until we all our foes defeat !
- 3 Though floods^w and storms arise,
 And darkness spread the skies,
 Of victory^x we're always sure :
 None can the God defy^y,
 On whom we do rely,—
 Who doth from age to age endure !

(r) John. xiv. 13, 14.—xv. 7. (s) 1 John ii. 25. (8) Heb. xii. 9.
 (t) 2 Cor. iv. 6. (u) Matt. vi. 25, --- 34.—1 Cor. iii. 16.—
 Eph. v. 25.—1 Pet. v. 7. (v) Matt. xvi. 18. (w) Isa. lix. 19.
 (x) 1 Cor. xv. 57.—1 John v. 4. (y) 1 Sam. xvii. 4, --- 51.

4 Soon death and hell shall own^a
 Us heirs to thy bright throne :
 With joy, O God, we'll then adore,
 And loud in songs proclaim
 The honours of thy name,
 For ever and for evermore!

CCXXI.

Proclamation and Exhortation.

1 **O** Thou, through whom we find : : 6
 Pardon and peace^a of mind, . . . 6
 Of thee we'll sing; . . . 4
 And to the fallen race . . . 6
 Tell of thy wond'rous grace^b, . . . 6
 For lo, in ev'ry place^c, . . . 6
 GOD IS OUR KING^d! . . . 4

2 Serve^e him, ye nations all,
 And while his love doth call^f
 Some tribute bring :
 Gratefully homage pay,
 Bow to his kingly sway,
 And own without dismay
 GOD IS OUR KING^g!

3 Loudly, in solemn lays,
 Echo his lasting praise;
 Make the earth ring!
 Call men to share his love,
 That all the world may prove
 Here, and in heav'n above^h,
 GOD IS OUR KING!

5. xii. 9. (2) 1 Cor. vi. 2, 3.—1 Thes. iv. 14. (a) Rom. v. 1. (b) Zech. iv.
 i. 16.—John i. 16.—Rom. v. 2. (c) Prov. xv. 3. (d) Psal. v. 2.—
 xiv. 3. (e) Deut. x. 12. (f) Prov. viii. 4. (g) Psal. xlv. 4.
 —xlvii. 6, 7.—lxviii. 24.—lxxiv. 12.—xcv. 3.—Isa. xliii. 15.—
 v. 5.—1 Tim. i. 17.—vi. 15. (h) Rev. xv. 3.

CCXXII.

On Worldly Vanities.

1 **W**HAT vanity of vanitiesⁱ 8
 Are all things here below? 6
 Vexation to the righteous is 8
 All else but God to know: 6
 For this world can no good afford, 8
 But as it cometh from the Lord. 8

2 Shall worldly cares then clog the wheels
 Of our devotion here,—
 And stay the lib'ral hand that deals
 Out blessings ev'ry where?
 Not so, therefore disperse, and fly
 Away, ye shades of vanity!

3 Come, O thou most substantial good^j
 And all our faith employ:
 Feed ev'ry soul with angels food^k,—
 Love, peace, and endless joy^l;
 And when, by death, the signal's giv'n,
 Remove us safe from earth to heav'n.

CCXXIII.

Longing Desires with a Reliance on GOD.

1 **U**P to thy throne above 6
 Our longing hearts we raise: 6
 Lord, satisfy^m us with thy love, 8
 And favour all our days. 6

(i) Eccl. i. 2, 14, 17.—ii. 1, 17, 21, 26.—iv. 4, 16.—vi. 9.—xii. 8.
 (j) Luke xviii. 19. (k) Psal. lxxviii. 25. (l) Gal. v. 22.
 (m) Psal. xc. 14.

Alone, O God, on thee
 For all things we depend :
 Thou art, and wilt for ever be
 Our never-failing FRIEND^a !

Hence, we through life and death
 Will magnify thy name ;
 And gladly with our latest breath
 Thy boundless love proclaim.

CCXXIV.

For Sincerity and Fitness for Heaven.

KING of GLORY^o, from on high, . . . 7
 To thy waiting church draw nigh ; . . . 7
 And from ev'ry soul remove . . . 7
 All contrary to thy love. 7

O that nothing insincere
 While we worship may appear :
 Come, and now our wants redress,
 Till we all thy mind possess^p.

Fit us for that place of rest^q,
 Where, with endless blessings blest,
 We shall with bright angels raise
 Loud hosannahs to thy praise.

CCXXV.

Praise, Dedication, and Prayer.

THOU God of glorious^r majesty ! . . . 8
 To whom all praise belongs, . . . 6
 Help us to make sweet melody . . . 8
 With joyful hearts and tongues. . . . 6

(n) Prov. xviii. 24.—Heb. xiii. 5, 6. (o) Psal. xxiv. 7, --- 10.
 (p) Phil. ii. 5. (q) Heb. iv. 9.—Rev. xiv. 13. (r) Exod. xv.
 11.—Psal. cxlv. 5, ---- 13.

- 2 We to thy service dedicate
The strength which thou hast giv'n:
For glory^f thou did man create,
Then fit us, Lord, for heav'n.
- 3 Let light, and life, and love divine,
Come down to us from thee;
For all we have, and are is thine^s,
And shall for ever be.

CCXXVI.

The Prayer of Faith.

- 1 **C**OME now, most gracious Lord!
We wait with one accord
Thy saints inheritance to prove^t:
O ratify and seal^u
And in each breast reveal
The treasures of redeeming love.
- 2 New comforts still make known
From thy effulgent throne,
And lead us on from grace to grace,
Till perfect and complete
We in thy kingdom meet,
To view thee always face to face^v.
- 3 Exulting till that day,
We urge and fight our way,
Trusting in thine omnipotence!
And while our God is near,
What cause have we to fear?
Who, who can harm or pluck^w us hence?

(f) 1 Cor. xi. 7.—1 Pet. v. 10. (s) 1 Cor. iii. 23. (t) Col. i. 12.
(u) 2 Cor. i. 22. (v) Cor. xiii. 12. (w) John x. 29.

CCXXVII.

For the Lord to manifest his Glory according to his Promise.

L ORD, at thy throne of grace we meet, . 8
 To bow and worship at thy feet; . 8
 For thou hast promis'd^x to appear,— . 8
 O manifest thy glory here, . 8
 That ev'ry heart, and ev'ry tongue, . 8
 May praise thee with a joyful song; . 8
 And henceforth, with fresh joys in view, . 8
 From day to day, the theme renew. . 8

2 May we press on towards the prize^y,
 (The mark where hidden treasure lies^z)
 With holy confidence in thee,
 Till crown'd above with victory^a;
 Where we shall feel and comprehend
 New pleasures that will never end^b;
 And there, with all the choirs above^c,
 For ever sing of Jesu's love!

CCXXVIII.

A general Invitation to Praise GOD.

TO God, who into being brought . 8
 All things^d, and made them out of nought! . 8
 To him eternal praise be giv'n . 8
 Who rules o'er hell, and earth, and heav'n^e: . 8
 O ye astonish'd worlds, adore . 8
 His matchless majesty and pow'r! . 8
 Now join to spread his wond'rous fame, . 8
 And loud his attributes proclaim! . 8

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(x) Matt. xviii. 19, 20. (y) Phil. iii. 14. (z) Matt. vi. 20, 21.
 (a) 1 Cor. xv. 54. (b) Psal. xvi. 11. (c) Rev. v. 9, 10, 13.
 (d) John i. 3. (e) Psal. ciii. 19.

- 2 Join, join, ye heav'ns, in lofty strains,
 The LORD JEHOVAH ever reigns^f !
 And all ye saints below the skies,
 From you let thanks as incense rise ;
 And though words cannot half express
 His love, his truth, and righteousness ;
 Yet, with such pow'rs as we are blest,
 To praise him let us do our best.

CCXXIX.

*On the Pleasure which those enjoy who walk steadfastly
 in the ways of GOD.*

- 1 **H**OW pleasant^s is the way to life,
 To those who walk therein ;
 Who keep from jangling, wrath, and strife,
 And ev'ry other sin ?
- 2 Lo ev'ry hill and ev'ry grove
 With riches do abound !
 There peace^h, and joy, and purest love
 Is always to be found.
- 3 The lawns are deck'd with sweetest flow'rsⁱ,
 That yield a fragrant smell ;
 Midst arbors and delightful bow'rs,
 Which nothing can excel.
- 4 There ev'ry month, the year quite through,
 The leaves^j are fresh and green ;
 And fruit hangs thick on ev'ry bough,
 A sweet delightful scene !
- 5 The saints of God go hand in hand,
 Rejoicing^k as they walk ;
 And in this pleasant fruitful land^l,
 They with their Saviour talk.

(f) Psal. xciii. 1, 2.—xcvii. 1.—Rev. xix. 6.

(g) Prov. iii.

(h) Rom. v. 1.—xiv. 17.—Gal. v. 22.

(i) Can. ii. 12, 13.

Hos. xiv. 5, 6.

(j) Rev. xxii. 2.

(k) Joel ii. 23.

(l) Isa. lxii.

- 6 He keeps them safely, day by day,
From all that might alarm:
No rav'nous-beast^m, or bird of preyⁿ,
Can ever do them harm.
- 7 Happy! thrice happy is their case^o,
Thus saved by the Lord!
That people, who the truth^p embrace
According to his word.
- 8 Be this our case, for we are thine,—
Come, Lord, and let us prove
Thy all-sufficient^a grace divine,
To perfect us in love.

CCXXX.

*Remarks on the Privileges of the Righteous; and a
Prayer to experience them.*

- 1 GREAT God! when men thy laws forsake 8
We see they soon grow blind^r: . . . 6
Of earthly things a god they make, . . . 8
And feed upon the wind^r. . . . 6
- 2 But who, among all Adam's race,
Such joyful news can tell,
As sinners which are sav'd by grace
From sin, and death, and hell?
- 3 As those whose faith and love declare
Their fellowship with thee;
Who exercise themselves in pray'r,
Cloth'd with humility?
- 4 As those that do thy precepts read
With pleasure and delight;
And constant in thy footsteps tread,
Unwearied day and night?

L 2

(m) Isa. xxxv. 9. (n) Jér. xxx. 16, 17. (o) Psal. cxliv. 13.
(p) John viii. 31, 32. (q) 2 Cor. iii. 5.—xii. 9. (r) Deut. xxxii.
15, — — 18. (s) Hos. xii. 1.

- 5 These can rejoice with all their might,
 With joy unspeakable;
 And are most precious^s in thy sight,
 Who thus perform thy will.
- 6 They Abba Father^t boldly cry,
 When prostrate at thy throne:
 Joint-heirs with Jesus they draw nigh,
 For they are thine alone.
- 7 Lord, what are we who worship now?
 Are we the sons of grace?
 O that thou would some token show
 Of favour from thy face.
- 8 Through Christ more fully let us prove
 The virtue of his blood^u,
 By thy paternal care and love^v,
 Thou PARENT OF ALL GOOD!

CCXXXI.

*On the Joyful State of the Children of GOD, and his
 Love towards them.*

- 1 **W**HAT tongue can tell the joy divine^w, 8
 Which all God's children do possess? 8
 With ev'ry grace their lives do shine,— 8
 And with the fruits of righteousness: 8
 They in JEHOVAH do delight, 8
 And are most precious^x in his sight. 8
- 2 Behold the bottomless abyss
 Of love^y in Christ to all mankind!
 Those who had fallen far from bliss,
 May^z still through him acceptance find;
 Though we deserv'd a dreadful doom,
 His intercession^z makes us room.

(s) Psal. cxvi. 15.—Lam. iv. 2. (t) Rom. viii. 15, 16, 17.
 (u) 1 John i. 7. (v) 1 John iii. 1. (w) Isa. xxxv. 10.—
 Rom. xiv. 17. (x) Psal. cxvi. 15. (y) Eph. v. 2. (z) Heb. vii. 25.

- 3 His all-atoning^a blood prevails
 With God, and hence his arms are spread,
 To save when hell doth most assail
 Against the bare defenceless head:
 He makes the raging^b billows cease,
 And keeps the lowly mind in peace.
- 4 O how such love invites the praise
 Of all who are in Christ belov'd:
 Ye ransom'd ones, your voices raise,
 Who have this great salvation prov'd;
 Sing praise to him who reigns above—
 The God of everlasting love^c.

CCXXXII.

Praise and Prayer.

- 1 **L** ET all the ransom'd^d sons of grace . . . 8
 To God give thanks and sing . . . 6
 Through Christ, and bow before his face . . . 8
 Who did salvation^e bring. . . 6
- 2 For it is meet, and right, and good
 To praise the Saviour's name,
 Who hath redeem'd us, by his blood^f,
 From misery and shame.
- 3 Come, O EMANUEL^g, appear,—
 Be "God with us" to-day:
 Now manifest thy glory here
 While we together pray.
- 4 We are thy church, in us abide,
 And ev'ry moment bless:
 O make us wholly free from pride
 And all unrighteousness.

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(a) Rom. v. 11. (b) Jonah i. 11, --- 15.—ii. 3.—Luke viii. 24.
 (c) Jer. xxxi. 3. (d) Isa. xxxv. 10. (e) Heb. v. 9.
 (f) 1 Pet. i. 18, 19.—Rev. v. 9. (g) Isa. vii. 14.—Matt. i. 23.

- 5 May all our words and works begin;
Go on, and end in thee,
Till in thy kingdom we're shut in,
To all eternity.

CCXXXIII.

Praise for the Mercy and Love of GOD.

- 1 **Q**UICK to thine altar^h, Lord, we fly . . . 8
To offer living praiseⁱ; . . . 6
Resolving through thy grace to die . . . 8
In wisdom's pleasant ways^j. . . 6
- 2 For lo, like man who ever knew
Such superlative grace^k,
Didst thou to fallen angels shew
It, as to *Adam's* race.
- 3 Were they not doom'd to much more pain,
And for a longer time^l
Than us who were, and yet remain
Absolved^l from our crime.
- 4 We own our finite wisdom fails
To tell the reason why
Thy mercy thus for us prevails,
Who did deserve to die.

(h) Heb. xiii. 10. (i) Isa. xxxviii. 19.—Rom. xii. 7.
(j) Prov. iik. 17. (k) John i. 16.—Rom. v. 1, ——— 21.
(l) Acts xiii. 39.—Rom. iii. 24.—Tit. iii. 4, ——— 7.

§ We are told that *the Angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, God hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day, Jude 6.* In this passage (as in many others of the like nature) it is quite evident that the word EVERLASTING can mean nothing more than for a long time,—because an end is proposed in this latter clause, UNTO THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT DAY.—For farther information upon this subject, see a book, entitled *The Everlasting Gospel, &c.* written originally in German, by PAUL SIEGVOECK; but translated into English, at Pennsylvania, in the year 1792.

5 Amazing grace beyond degree!
 O glorious pledge of love:
 This subject our glad theme shall be
 When time shall cease to move.

CCXXXIV.

Exhortation to Faithfulness and Perseverance.

- 1 **R**EVERE your God! and worship him alone, 10
 Ye saints, and bow before his sacred throne: 10
 Exulting rise, free grace^m aloud proclaim, . 10
 And spread abroad, through all the earth, his fame. 10
- 2 Continue faithful,—stand and persevere;
 With courage bid the nations all draw near:
 Through Jesus Christ God's great salvation proveⁿ,
 And freely feast on his redeeming love.
- 3 Cease not at all, but publish ev'ry where
 His mercy^o, and his awful truths^p declare:
 Let your example, like his precept shine^q,
 And prove the saving pow'r of grace divine.
- 4 The people who employed, thus are found,
 Shall shortly be with endless glory crown'd^r:
 This is our choice, continue, Lord, to own
 Our labours, and them with thy blessings crown.

CCXXXV.

On the Terrestrial and Celestial Heavens.

- 1 **O** Thou, by whom all things were made^f 8
 In heav'n above and earth below! . 8
 The sun itself is but thy shade, . 8
 When it doth most its glory show. . 8

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(m) Rom. iii. 24. viii. 32.—1 Cor. ii. 12. (n) Luke i. 77.
 (o) Psal. ciii. 8, 11, 17.—cxlv. 8, 9. (p) Psal. ix. 17.—Luke xiii.
 27, 28. (q) Matt. v. 16. (r) 1 Pet. v. 4. (s) John i. 3.

- 2 Yet this, and all thy works^s in one,
Combine their Maker to display:
Lo time and seasons^s all glide on,
And move in thine appointed way.
- 3 Nature in silent accents praise,
And own thee through the midnight hour:
The moon, with her faint borrow'd rays,
In ev'ry change proclaims thy pow'r.
- 4 Throughout the starry heavens^u bright,
Thy wond'rous works of wisdom shine!
Each sparkling orb declares thy might,
And endless majesty divine!
- 5 Great works!—Yet what are all these globes^s
To thy most glorious seat above;
Where saints array'd in spotless robes^x,
And angels celebrate^y thy love?
- 6 For in the NEW JERUSALEM^z
No sun by day, or moon by night
Is needful there,—for lo, the Lamb
Doth wholly fill the place with light!
- 7 Compar'd to him, both sun and moon
Can scarce be said at all to shine:
His presence makes perpetual noon,
And all things glorious and divine!

CCXXXVI.

On the glorious Majesty of God.

- 1 **L**O! our great God^a on high, . . . 6
With matchless pow'r doth reign: . . . 6
His glorious majesty . . . 6
The heavens can't contain^b . . . 6
Effulgent light . . . 4
His saints do see, . . . 4
Where-e'er they be, . . . 4
Both day and night. . . . 4

(s) Pf. cxlv. 10. (t) Gen. i. 14.—Pf. civ. 19. (u) Pf. xix. 1.
(x) Rev. vii. 9, 13, 14. (y) Rev. v. 9, --- 14. (z) Rev. xxi.
2, 10, 23.—xxii. 5. (a) Deut. x. 17.—2 Chron. ii. 5.
(b) 1 Kin. viii. 27.

- 2 The riches of his love
To *Adam's* fallen race,
Come, brethren, let us prove,
And feast on his free grace^c,
That we may grow,
And also shine
Like him divine,
While here below.
- 3 Salvation quite complete
In Christ^d we shall obtain:
Shall death^e in triumph meet,
And see the monster slain!
Wherefore rejoice,
Give thanks and sing,
And praise our KING^f
With heart and voice.
- 4 Let joyful songs arise
From all the earth to him;
And all above the skies,
In one perpetual hymn,
Resound his fame,
And never cease,
But with increase
Extol his name!

CCXXXVII.

Invitation and Encouragement to the Heirs of Glory.

1	C	OME join to praise the Lord;	6
		Ye heirs of his blest throne;	6
		Christ's dying love ^g record,	6
		Who for our sakes alone	6
		Did on the tree ^h	4
		Resign his breath,	4
		And suffer death	4
		To set us free!	4

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(c) Isa. lv. 1.—Rom. viii. 12. (d) Heb. v. 9. (e) 1 Cor. xv. 57.
(f) Psal. lxxxix. 18. (g) Eph. v. 2. (h) Acts xiii. 29.—
1 Pet. ii. 24.

- 2 Now let us spread his fame
 With joy and great delight;
 Give glory to his name,
 Through whomⁱ both day and night,
 We mercy find,
 And fully prove
 God still doth love
 To save mankind.
- 3 In songs of loud applause
 His matchless love we'll sing,
 Who died^j in our cause,
 And did salvation bring!
 For his free grace^k
 Hofannah's raise,
 And solemn lays
 In ev'ry place.
- 4 With glorious triumph soon,
 Lo all his saints shall rise^l,
 And in eternal noon^m,
 Above the starry skies,
 Immortalⁿ shine
 In him complete,
 And there repeat
 His praise divine!^p

CCXXXVIII.

On the Perfection of GOD.

- 1 **A**LMIGHTY God! how wondrous great^o? 8
 How glorious is thy name? . . . 6
 Thine attributes are all complete, . . . 8
 And works likewise the same: . . . 6
 Thy word immutable^p doth stand . . . 8
 In ev'ry promise and command. . . 8

(i) Rom. v. 1.—vi. 23. (j) Rom. xiv. 9. (k) Rom. iii. 24.
 (l) John v. 28, 29. (m) Rev. xxi. 23.—xxii. 5. (n) Rom. ii. 7.
 —1 Cor. xv. 53. (o) Isa. xlv. 5, &c. (p) Heb. vi. 17, 18.

- 2 Of old^a all things set forth thy grace,
 Thy fame and great renown;
 Superior love to Adam's race
 Could never be made known
 Above what usher'd in so bright,
 The day of glorious gospel^r light.
- 3 Stupendous grace! O stand and view,
 His love is not grown cold;
 But is to sinners still as new^t
 As in the days of old;
 Nor can it change, or know decay,
 Though heav'n and earth both pass away!
- 4 Our pow'rs shall therefore all be spent
 In one eternal song;
 But to the full we cannot vent
 What does to thee belong!
 Thy merits infinitely shew
 Thou can't from us receive thy due^s!
- 5 The highest anthems fill'd with praise,
 Most lofty hymns divine,—
 Best songs that voice or art can raise,
 When all their force combine,
 Will fail, for language can't set forth
 In full the Sav'our's real worth!
- 6 Yet, Lord, we'll try back to restore
 Some tribute unto heav'n,
 By being grateful, more and more,
 For what thy bounty's giv'n;
 And hence devote^t to thy decree,
 Ourselves to all eternity.

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(q) Psal. xxv. 6.—xliv. 1.—lxxiv. 12.—cii. 25. (r) Matt. i. 27.
 —Luke ii. 10.—2 Cor. iv. 4, 6. (s) Rom. viii. 32, ——— 39.—
 1 John iii. 1, 2. (t) Luke xvii. 10. (u) Lev. xxvii. 28.

CCXXXIX.

On the Incarnation of Christ.

- 1 **L** O, the glorious incarnation! 8
CHRIST is of a virgin^u born; 7
 For us men and our salvation^y, 8
 Celebrate the happy morn! 7
 Praise him, sinners,— 4
 He shall now our souls adorn. . . . 7
- 2 Though his birth was in a manger^w
 Where the brutal creatures fed,
 Free from earthly pomp and grandeur,
 Angels did surround his bed;
 And bright glory
 Shone around his sacred head.
- 3 Here is cause for joy and wonder!
 Let the whole creation sing,—
 Read his love,—behold and ponder,
 Why he should become our KING!
 Or why angels
 Should be sent such news to bring!
- 4 Welcome! O what welcome tidings
 Unto all the fallen race;
 Cease from doubtful, sinful chidings;—
 He is full of truth and grace^x:
 Lo what glory
 Beams from the MESSIAH'S^y face!
- 5 Beauty innocence caressing;
 Love in all his looks are seen:
 He hath brought us ev'ry blessing,
 And can make the foulest clean:
 Hail the lowly^z
 Meek despised NAZARENE^a!

(u) Matt. i. 18, ---- 25. (v) Luke i. 77. (w) Luke ii.
 7, ---- 13. (x) John i. 14, 17. (y) John i. 41. (z) Matt. xi. 29.
 (a) Matt. ii. 23.

CCXL.

On the Nativity of Christ.

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- 1 **H**ARK how the herald angels sing 8
In heav'nly songs of solemn mirth; 8
And swift the joyful news they bring 8
To us, of our REDEEMER's birth^b! 8
 - 2 Long hath God's ancient seers foretold^c
That this glad day was drawing near:
In *Bethlehem*^d at length behold
A spotless virgin^e doth him bear!
 - 3 There he was born, how mean in state^f
His birth was in the oxen's stall!
That time we now commemorate,
And worship him the Lord of all.
 - 4 But sumptuous Grandeur! blush with shame,
That in the Inn there was no room
For the MESSIAH, when he came
To save us from our dreadful doom.
 - 5 Yet glory shone around the place
Where Jesus in the manger lay:
In him both love, and truth, and grace
Shines clearly to the perfect day!
 - 6 The eastern wisemen saw a star^g,
Which led them to their new-born KING:
They gold, and frankincense, and myrrh,
To him with joy did humbly bring.
 - 7 Like them we offer thanks and praise,
And do devote^g, with one accord,
Our time, our strength, and all our days
Henceforth for ever to the Lord.

(b) Luke ii. 9, --- 13. (c) Deut. xviii. 15.—Isa. vii. 14.—
Mic. v. 2. (d) Matt. ii. 1, 5, 6. (e) Matt. i. 18, --- 25.—
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CCXLI.

On the Nativity of Christ.

- 1 **S**HEPHERDS^h abiding in the field, 8
 Were watching o'er their flocks by night; 8
 And lo, an angel was reveal'd, 8
 Which made them fearful at his sight. 8
- 2 Fear not, the gracious herald said,
 "I bring good tidings of great joy :
 "Jesus hath his appearance made,
 "The devil's kingdom to destroy.
- 3 "For unto you is born this day,
 "A Saviour which is Christ the Lord !
 "In *Bethlehem* the child survey,
 "And sing his praise with one accord.
- 4 "Mark, this shall be a sign to you,—
 "Ye there shall find the babe display'd
 "Wrapped in swaddling cloths ; O view
 "Him humbly in a manger laid !"
- 5 Then with the angel suddenly
 There did appear a shining throng,
 To praise his glorious majesty ;
 Who thus address'd him with a song.
- 6 "Glory to God, in the highest,
 "On earth, peace, good-will towards men :
 "In him all nations shall be blest !"
 With heart and voice we say—*Amen.*

CCXLII.

On the Nativity of Christ.

- 1 **H**ARK how angels are resounding 8
 Joyful tidings from above : 7
 Grace¹ to sinners is abounding 8
 Through the true MESSIAH's love ! 7.

(h) Luke ii. 8, --- 14.

(i) Rom. v. 20, 21.

- 2 Now with joyful acclamation
 Let us all give thanks and sing,—
 Bow with humble adoration,
 And accept him for our KING^k!
- 3 Lo he saw the lost condition^l
 Of all *Adam's* fallen race;
 And obtain'd them free admission
 Back into a state of grace^m.
- 4 Hence our only wise CREATORⁿ,
 Can offenders back restore;
 Who through CHRIST, their MEDIATOR^o,
 Do aright his aid implore.
- 5 Faith^p doth cause sin's extirpation,
 And true liberty^q within:
 Thus the AUTHOR of salvation^r
 Makes an utter end of sin^t!

CCXLIII.

*The Thanks and Praise of finite Creatures, considered
 as being too small for the Benefits flowing from
 INFINITE LOVE.*

- 1 COME, brethren, praise the Lord most High! 8
 Whose glory fills both earth and sky: 8
 O let us now, with heart and voice, 8
 Together in his love rejoice. 8
- 2 Our God is worthy to receive
 More thanks and praise than we can give;
 He saw us when from him we fell^t,
 And snatch'd us from the jaws of hell!

(k) Psal. ii. 6, &c. (l) Rom. v. 6, &c. (m) John i.
 14, 16, 17. — Rom. iii. 24. — Eph. i. 7. (n) Rom. xvi. 27.
 (o) 1 Tim. ii. 5. (p) Rom. v. 1, 2. — Eph. ii. 8. (q) Gal. v. 1.
 (r) Heb. v. 9. (t) Heb. ix. 12, 14, 26, 28. (u) Gen. iii. 6, &c.

- 3 He gave^u his Son, who freely came^v
 Man to redeem^a from sin and shame;
 Christ gladly came to do us good,
 And for us spilt his precious blood^v!
- 4 The heavy curse^z he did sustain,
 Which due to sinners did remain;
 For sin he did atonement^a make,
 Hence God forgives us for his sake^b.
- 5 Come therefore, sinners, quickly come
 To him whose mercy makes you room^c:
 An humble^d suit he can't deny,
 Or let a mourning^e sinner die!
- 6 All who aright in Christ believe^f,
 Of God true pardon do receive:
 Peace^g and immortal joy they prove,
 And always feel that God is love^h!
- 7 Praise the eternal great I AMⁱ,
 Ascribe salvation to the Lamb^k;
 With all the bright angelic host^l,
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost^{* m}!

CCXLIV.

On the Death of a Child.

- 1 **B**EHOLD the corpse!† the lifeless clay, . . . 8
 Wherein the soul awhile was bound: . . . 8
 Left till the resurrection^m day,— . . . 8
 Till the last trumpⁿ of God shall sound! . . . 8

- (u) John iii. 16. (v) Heb. x. 7, 9. (x) Gal. iii. 13.
 (y) 1 Pet. i. 19. (z) Deut. xxi. 23. (a) Rom. v. 11.
 (b) Eph. iv. 32.—1 John ii. 12. (c) Luke xiv. 22. (d) Isa. lvii. 15.
 (e) Matt. v. 4. (f) Acts xiii. 38, 39.—Rom. iii. 19, — — — 31.
 (g) Gal. v. 22. (h) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (i) Exod. iii. 14.
 (k) Rev. vii. 10. (l) Rev. v. 8, — — — 14. (m) John v. 28, 29.
 (n) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Thes. iv. 16.

† See the note, page 96 and 97.

† I composed this and the following hymn on the death of MARY PERL, while she was a corpse besides me. She was, at that time, my only daughter; and they were sung before her, by those who attended her to the grave,—except a few alterations which I have made since, by way of improvement.

- 2 *Her* cheeks have lost their lovely red,—
The lustre bright has lost *her* eyes:
No music can delight the dead;
Her tongue in awful silence lies.
- 3 No more shall anguish swell *her* heart,
Or pierce it through with killing pain:
Her hands and feet have lost their art,
And lifeless all *her* limbs remain.
- 4 The gloomy grave (where nations lie)
May for a time confine *her* clay;
But when JEHOVAH cleaves the sky!
She 'll join the triumph of that day.
- 5 Hence in the grave *her* corpse we drop,
And earth commit to earth again;
Resting in sure and certain hope^o
That *she* shall rise with Christ to reign^p!
- 6 *Her* soul and body shall unite,—
Made all immortal^q and divine;
And drefs'd in robes of spotless white^r,
Shall in perpetual glory shine^s!
- 7 Then why should parents once complain,
That *she* so soon is taken hence?
We only part to meet again,
Where joy^t eternal will commence!

CCXLV.

For a Funeral.

- 1 **Y**E mortal men, in time prepare . . . 8
For glory in a world to come! . . . 8
Death, when commission'd, none^t will spare, . . . 8
Though like a rose in perfect bloom. . . 8

(o) Rom. v. 2.—Heb. vi. 11, 19. (p) Matt. xix. 14.—
Rev. xxii. 5. (q) 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54. (r) Rev. vii. 9.—xix. 8.
(s) Matt. xiii. 43. (t) Heb. ix. 27.

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- 2 The infant weak, the vig'rous youth,
The hoary head alike must bow;
Let none forget God's word is truth^u
Which bids us all make ready^v now.
- 3 Just as we fall, so must we lie^w,—
There's no repentance in the grave^x;;
If in our sins at last we die^y,
We certain misery shall have^z.
- 4 The RIGHTEOUS JUDGE^a will soon appear^b
In pomp upon his azure throne;
And cause all nations to be there^c;
None can stay from his bar, not one!
- 5 What horror^d then will overtake
And pierce the guilty sinner's breast;
Whose lot must in that burning lake^e
Be where the damn'd can find no rest^f!
- 6 But shout^g, ye righteous sons of God,—
Heirs and joint-heirs^h with Christ above
You need not fear the dreadful rodⁱ,
But sing of your Redeemer's love.
- 7 In glorious hope of joys unknown,
With hallelujah's^j sing his praise;
And with the angels round his throne^k,
Now your glad hearts and voices raise.
- 8 Begin in never-ending songs,
And look beyond this veil of clay^l:
To God alone all praise belongs;
But who his fulneis can display?

(u) John xvii. 17. (v) Matt. xxiv. 44.—Luke xii. 40.
(w) Eccl. xi. 3. (x) Eccl. ix. 10. (y) John viii. 21.
(z) Psal. ix. 17. (a) 2 Tim. iv. 8. (b) Matt. xxv. 31, &c.—
2 Tim. iv. 1. (c) Rom. xiv. 10, 11, 12.—2 Cor. v. 10.—Rev. xx. 12.
(d) Psal. xi. 6. (e) Rev. xx. 15—xxi. 8. (f) Rev. xiv. 10, 11.
(g) Psal. xlvii. 1.—Isa. xii. 6.—xlii. 11.—xliv. 23.—Zeph. iii. 14.
—Zecl. ix. 9. (h) Rom. viii. 17. (i) Psal. ii. 9. (j) Rev. xix.
2, 3, 4, 6. (k) Rev. v. 11, &c. (l) Heb. x. 20.

What cherub voice, or seraph tongue
Can half describe his worthy name?
Eternity! though broad and long,
Is all too short to spread his fame!

CCXLVI.

On Death.

- O** Fatal hand of death!† how soon
Is wit, and strength, and beauty gone? 8
Whom God requires they are cut down^m,— 8
(However dear) thou spareth none. 8
- Youth, in an instant, like a flower
When scorched up with burning heat,
Doth fade and wither in an hour;
And aged men the same fate meetⁿ.
- What need have we frail mortals^o then
Our fitness for that state to try:
Since none can tell how, where, or when,
Or in what manner they must die.
- Come help us to examine, Lord,
With care into our present state,
To watch, and pray^p, and search thy word^q,
And for thy coming^r duly wait.
- May thy rich grace be freely giv'n,
And sacred love fill ev'ry breast:
At last, O let us meet in heav'n,
To be with God^r for ever blest.

(m) Job xiv. 2. (n) Psal. xc. 10. (o) Psal. xxxix. 4.
(p) Mark xiii. 33. (q) John v. 39. (r) Matt. xvi. 27.
(f) 1 Thes. iv. 17.—Rev. xxii. 5.

† After burying my first-born, I was again blessed with two sons and three daughters; but on the 12th day of the 8th month, 1791, the Lord was pleased to call away my youngest son, named LUXE PEARL, when in the third year of his age: He was a stout, comely boy, and remarkable witty. These five verses were the result of my serious reflections,—and they were sung before his corpse to the grave.

ECLXVII.

DEATH, a welcome Messenger to the Righteous.

- 1 **T**HEE we adore, O God most High^t! . . . 8
 And humbly praise thy name; . . . 6
 With all the host^u above the sky . . . 8
 Thy goodness we proclaim. . . . 6
- 2 For though we with our friends must part,
 And all things here below,
 Death can't disjoin^v those who in heart
 Do their Redeemer know.
- 3 They meet him as a welcome friend^w,
 Which joyful tidings bring;
 For all their fears are at an end
 When death hath lost his sting^x.
- 4 They with the Fathers fall asleep^y
 Among their kindred dust^z;
 And at Christ's coming^a, they shall reap
 The portion of the just.
- 5 When he descendeth^b from above
 In glorious majesty,
 Then all who bear his mark of love
 Shall his attendants be^c.
- 6 They, in white robes^d, made all divine—
 Shall unknown joy^e explore;
 And as the sun in glory shine^f
 With God for evermore.
- 7 Then, Lord, preserve us all our days,
 Till this great change shall come
 From sin's destructive evil ways,
 And then conduct us home.

(t) Psal. lviii. 2. (u) Gen. ii. 1:—Luke ii. 13. (v) Rom. viii. 35, --- 39. (w) 2 Tim. iv. 6, --- 8. (x) 1 Cor. xv. 55, --- 57.
 (y) 1 Kings ii. 10.—xi. 43. (z) Gen. iii. 19. (a) Matt. xvi. 27.
 (b) 1 Thes. iv. 16. (c) Jude 14. (d) Rev. iii. 4.—vii. 9, 13, 14.
 (e) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (f) Matt. xiii. 43.

CCXLVIII.

*Solemn thoughts on the necessity of preparing for DEATH
and a future State.*

- 1 **T**HE mem'ry of the just is blest^s, 8
Both here and when they're gone to rest; 8
But men who do and evil plot, 8
Their names shall be cast out and rot. 8
- 2 It therefore well behoves mankind
To seek, till each God's favour find;
For lo, how mortals ev'ry day
From earth are swiftly snatch'd away.
- 3 And since none knows^h who next shall have
To be shut-up within the grave,
Let each one think, this day may be
Perhaps the last I here shall see.
- 4 Let each consider how soon deathⁱ
Doth sometimes stop an infant's breath;
And how his icy hand doth slay
The blooming youth when brisk and gay.
- 5 And let us view the hoary hairs,
Where age itself at once declares
A certain change will soon take place
With all the sons of *Adam's* race.
- 6 Amidst these thoughts, let each one think,
And ask, "Am I on ruin's brink?
"Or, do I know^j my sins forgiv'n?
"And am I now prepar'd for heav'n?"
- 7 Thus let us each one try^k to tell
Whither we steer for heav'n or hell;
For those who die in sin^l will prove,
None can be happy without LOVE^m.

(g) Prov. x. 7. (h) Jam. iv. 14. (i) Job xiv. 1, 2. —

Heb. ix. 27. (j) Luke i. 77. — 1 Cor. iii. 16. (k) 2 Cor. xiii. 5.

(l) John viii. 21. (m) 1 John iii. 14, 15. — iv. 7. — 21.

8 But where love† is, there life abounds;
 And when the last great trumpet soundsⁿ,
 The dead in Christ shall all arise
 To meet him coming in the skies!

CCXLIX.

The Blessed State of those who DIE IN THE LORD.

- 1 **F**OR ever blessed are the dead^o,
 Which dieth in the Lord;
 For so, saith Christ, their living HEAD^p,
 In his unerring word!
- 2 Their works do follow when they're gone,
 To testify above;
 Where they declare before God's throne
 The wonders of his love!
- 3 And lo! while they are blessed, thus
 Around his throne^a in heav'n,
 They cry all praise, "Not unto us",
 "But to thy name be giv'n."
- 4 And worthy is the Lamb! they say,
 Who for our sins was slain;
 For God hath wip'd their tears away^f,
 And with himself they reign.
- 5 O glorious^s state!—O blessed end!—
 Lord give us strength to rise,
 That we like them may all ascend,
 And dwell above the skies.

(n) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Thes. iv. 16, 17. (o) Rev. xiv. 13.
 (p) Eph. i. 22. (q) Rev. v. 6, --- 14. (r) Psal. cxv.
 (f) Rev. vii. 17.—xxi. 4. (s) 2 Cor. iii. 11, 18.—iv. 17.
 Tit. ii. 13.—Rev. xxi. 10, --- 27.

† See the note on Divine Love, page 75, &c.

CCL.

*Life is Short, Troublesome, and Uncertain; but the
Reward of the Righteous is Sure.*

- 1 **M**AN of a woman born, his days are few^t; 10
Yet while these last, his troubles they are
new: 10
He cometh forth, and like a tender flow'r . . . 10
Is soon cut down at some uncertain hour. . . 10
- 2 From hence he fleeth as a shadow doth,—
For die we must, though we be e'er so loath:
God hath appointed that men once shall die^u,
And with this change all mortals must comply.
- 3 We ne'er continue long in one fix'd state;—
Experience shews what changes for us wait:
But lo! the righteous from the wrath to come^v
Are made secure when they are called home.
- 4 That God, whom they so lov'd and long'd for here,
Will then to their eternal joy^x appear!
And O! who can the happy state explain
Of those who shall with him for ever reign?

CCLI.

*On the Happy Change which the Righteous experience
after Death.*

- 1 **T**HE righteous^y, when they die, 6
And from this world remove, 6
Do all ascend above the sky 8
Immortal joy to prove. 6

(t) Job xiv. 1, 2. (u) Heb. ix. 27. (v) 1 Th. i. 10.
(x) Isa. xxxv. 10.—li. 11. (y) Matt. xxv. 46.

2 Beyond the reach of death^a
 They there in triumph sing,
 With Christ, who once gave up his breath
 To take away its sting^a.

3 With wonder there they see
 What dangers they have pass'd!
 For which they give all praise to thee,
 JEHOVAH^b! FIRST and LAST^c!

4 And O who can conceive
 The joy and sweet delight,
 Which in those mansions they receive,
 Of uncreated light!

5 No mortal eye hath seen^d,
 Nor hath the ear yet heard
 What things shall be on those who reign^e
 With Jesus Christ conferr'd!

6 But this we truly know,
 That God will shortly come^f,
 And take his children from below,
 To their eternal home!

7 Wherefore, O Lord, we wait,
 And for thy coming pray:
 O make us fit for that bright state,
 And thither us convey.

CCLII.

All Blessings are the effects of the Love of God.

1	G	LORÝ ^g be to thee, O Lord!	7
		Be thou ev'ry where ador'd;	7
		All the blessings ^h we can prove	7
		Are the blessings of thy love.	7

(z) Rev. xxi. 4.
 —Psal. lxxxiii. 18.

(e) Rev. xx. 6.

(h) Eph. i. 3.

(a) 1 Cor. xv. 56, 57.

(c) Isa. xli. 4.—xliv. 6.

(f) Rev. xxii. 20.

(b) Exod. vi. 3.

(d) 1 Cor. ii. 9.

(g) Phil. iv. 20.

- 2 'Tis to this we owe our birth^l,
And our being upon earth:
'Twas the work of grace^l alone,
Or thy ways we had not known.
- 3 'Tis thy sov'reign pow'r^k that still
Helps us to perform thy will:
Hence our hearts and tongues we raise,
All devoted to thy praise.
- 4 But, Lord, we have nought to give,—
Save what we from thee receive^l:
All the good^m that we have known
Came from thee, and is thine own.
- 5 Wherefore, O thou God most high!
Let us ever feel thee nigh;
Give, and we will give to thee
Back thine own with usuryⁿ.

CCLIII.

The Love of God more precious than any other thing.

- 1 **G**OD of all grace^o, to thee we bow . . . 8
Obedient to thy word: . . . 6
Do thou appear and bless us now, . . . 8
While we thy love record. . . 6
- 2 Love above rubies^p is our choice,
Or any other thing;
When sad it makes the heart rejoice,
And doth true comfort bring.

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(i) Acts xvii. 28. (j) Eph. ii. 4, - - - 8. (k) 1 Pet. i. 5.
(l) John iii. 27. (m) Jam. i. 17. (n) Matt. xxv. 27. —
Luke xix. 23. (o) 1 Pet. v. 10. (p) Job xxviii. 18. —
Prov. viii. 11.

- 3 Love to thyself, and to mankind
More precious is than gold :
'Tis free to all†, and unconfin'd
When other love grows cold.
- 4 Such love as knows no servile fear,
But constant joy and peace,
Is thy own children's portion here,
When troubles most increase.
- 5 From all contrary thereunto
Deliver us we pray,
That we may never evil do,
Or turn from thy good way.
- 6 This great salvation from on high
At all times let us prove ;
And in the arms securely lie,
Of EVERLASTING LOVE^q,

CCLIV.

*Encouragement to Believers given by Metaphorical
Representations.*

- 1 **L**O! what encouragement to all is giv'n, 10
Who love the Lord and travel towards 10
heav'n: 10
God builds them up as temples^r to his praise, 10
And guards them safe from evil all their days. 10
- 2 Christ, as a master-builder, doth alone,
For our foundation^r lay the corner-stone:
He also gives us strength^s to build thereon,
And shews us how this great work must be done.

(q) Jer. xxxi. 3. (r) 1 Cor. iii. 10, --- 17.—2 Cor. vi. 16.
—Eph. ii. 20, 21, 22.—iv. 4, ---- 16. (s) 2 Tim. ii. 19.
(s) Phil. iv. 13.

† See the note, page 75, &c.

- 3 When fitly fram'd and built on him we are,
No workman can their work with his compare;
For as of old, the Lord of Hosts doth teach
His saints to hear and ministers to preach.
- 4 " O *Zerubabel*!, (saith the Lord) be strong,
" Thou and thy people whom thou art among;
" The mountain shall before thee be a plain,
" And thou shall build God's temple up again.
- 5 " Hear now, O *Josbua*, the high priest, hear!
" Thou and thy fellows that with thee appear;
" For they are men much wonder'd at indeed,—
" Behold the **BRANCH**! your help in time of need.
- 6 " The stone is laid, from which the wall shall rise,
" And on one stone there shall be seven eyes;
" These eyes through all the earth run to and fro,
" And this great **BUILDER** ev'ry land shall know!
- 7 " By him the head-stone of this house shall be
" Brought on with shouting grace and victory!
" Grace, grace unto it ev'ry tongue shall cry,
" For all at last shall know" the Lord most high!"

CCLV.

Holy Exultation.

1	Y E saints of God rejoice,	6
	And spread abroad his fame;	6
	Let ev'ry heart and voice	6
	With joy exalt his name;	6
	Who for mankind	4
	His Son did give,	4
	That we might live,	4
	And mercy find.	4

M 2

(t) Hag. ii. 4.—Zech. iii. 8, 9.—iv. 6, . . . 10. (u) Jer. xxxi.
34.—Heb. viii. 11.—Rev. vii. 13. (v) John iii. 16.

- 4 No death^e can enter where thou art;
To injure our immortal part;
We therefore wait thy will to prove,
And WELCOME thy design of love.

CCLVII.

*The happy effects of Grace, is, and shall for ever be,
the Song of the Righteous.*

- 1 **H**OSANNAHS to the God of love^f 8
Let all his children raise; 6
And celebrate with these above 8
The great Creator's praise! 6
- 2 Perpetual blessings we receive—
Fast as the minutes roll:
No stranger can his love conceive
To each believing soul.
- 3 The sacred joy and sweet delight
Which we in Christ have found,
Deth make us gladly all invite
In ev'ry nation round.
- 4 To all the world our wishes flies,
And bids the worst to come;
Come, fellow-sinners, now arise,
The Lord will make you room^g!
- 5 Yet very little^h do we know
Of what there is prepar'd
For us, when we to heaven go
To meet our full reward.

M 3

(e) John viii. 51. (f) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (g) Isa. lv. 1.
Luke xiv. 22. (h) 1 Cor. ii. 9.

- 6 The full extent of Jesu's grace,
If this can ere be known,
Will be when we behold his face,^l
And sit^j around his throne.
- 7 But since already we partake
This grace in some degree,
O Lord, we'll henceforth jointly make
Most grateful songs to thee.
- 8 'Tis grace^k that will to glory bring
All those who use the same;
There evermore its sons shall sing,
And its effects proclaim!

CCLVIII.

*Praise for the greatness of GOD's Glory, Majesty,
and Love.*

- 1 **H**IGH^l over all JEHOVAH reigns 8
In everlasting state! 6
His pow'r^m the universe sustains, 8
Which did the same create. 6
- 2 The highest heav'ns can't contain
His glorious majesty!
Hence who the glory can explain,
Which we ere long shall see?
- 3 Yet we who taste can now declare
The riches of his graceⁿ:
Lo! this is far beyond compare
To all the fallen race.

(i) 1 Cor. xiii. 12. (j) Rev. iii. 21. (k) Eph. ii. 5.
(l) Psa. xcvi. 9.—xcix. 1, 2.—cxiii. 4, 5. (m) Heb. i. 3.
(n) Eph. i. 7.

- 4 Ye saints and angels, join in one
To celebrate his praise;
Let us in songs of what he's done
Our hearts and voices raise.
- 5 He ev'ry day in plenty gives
His blessings from above:
All things on his rich bounty lives,
And do his goodness prove.
- 6 These blessings, though so great, are small,
Compar'd with what he wrought
For all who suffer'd by the fall,
When he salvation brought.
- 7 Such matchless love^p beyond degree,
What language can relate?
This shall our song for ever be
In an immortal state!

CCLIX.

*Praise flowing from a feeling sense of the goodness
of God.*

- 1 **E**XTOL^q the great JEHOVAH's name, . . . 8
Who reigns enthron'd on high ! . . . 6
All creatures^r spread abroad his fame . . . 8
Throughout both earth and sky. . . . 6
- 2 From far, ye happy spirits haste,
Asssemble round his throne;
New pleasures^f we in Christ shall taste,
Which yet we have not known.

M 4

(o) Psal. civ. 14, 15. (p) Eph. iii. 19.—1 John iii. 9, 21.
(q) Psal. cxlv. 1.—Dan. iv. 37. (r) Psal. cxlviii. 1, . . . 14.—
cl. 6.—Rev. v. 13. (f) Psal. xvi. 11.—xxxvi. 8.

- 3 The Lamb, who all our sorrows bore^s !
 Shall here his children meet,—
 While we in our affections soar,
 Towards his glorious seat^t.
- 4 Already Jesus has begun
 On his peculiar care^u,
 To shine^w far brighter than the sun ;
 Hence we these blessings share.
- 5 With all our pow'rs we'll gladly tell,
 And joyfully relate[§]
 What has been done for us who fell
 From our first happy state.
- 6 We'll sing of that great love^x which brought
 Salvation from above :
 Our praise shall be to him who sought,
 And did of us approve.
- 7 And of the glories of that place
 Where our Redeemer reigns^y,
 We'll sing, but when we see his face,
 We'll still exalt our strains !

(s) 1 Pet. ii. 24. (t) Col. iii. 1. (u) 1 Pet. v. 7.
 (w) Acts xxvi. 13.—2 Cor. iv. 6, 7. (x) Rom. v. 8.—
 1 John iv. 9, 10. (y) Rev. xxii. 1, --- 5.

§ To relate all that has been done for the fallen race, will be a subject that must run parallel with eternity ; but the righteous, whose hearts are set at liberty, will lose no time in beginning this delightful employment. The Psalmist, when filled with the love of God, cries out in one place, *Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul*, Psal. lxvi. 16. and in many other places he speaks very largely of the mighty deliverances that God had wrought for him ; and of the unspeakable benefits which he had received.—The rest of the sacred writers do all speak in like manner ; and so do those who are true believers in every generation : *for they are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus* ; Gal. iii. 26. and can experimentally say, *that which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us ; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ*, 1 John i. 3. We will publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all his wondrous works, Psal. xxvi. 7.

CELX.

Praise to GOD for his Unchangeable Love.

1 **A**LL glory be to God most High^z ! . . . 8
 Whose glory fills^a both earth and sky ! . . . 8
 Let all his works^b with joy adore, . . . 8
 And sound his praise from shore to shore ; . . . 8
 For GOD IS LOVE^c ! and evermore . . . 8
 UNCHANGEABLE^d ! . . . 4

2 Ye heirs of glory^e, all rejoice
 In cheerful songs with heart and voice :
 Christ hath redeem'd us^f, sing therefore
 Of him who did our peace restore^g ;
 For GOD IS LOVE ! and evermore
 UNCHANGEABLE !

3 His Spirit doth our hearts inspire
 With pure celestial living fire^h ;
 And still his aid we do implore,
 To love, and wonder, and adore ;
 For GOD IS LOVE ! and evermore
 UNCHANGEABLE !

4 Our living hopesⁱ exulting fly,
 And reach into eternity ;
 Where sin, and death, and pain are o'er^j,
 And nought can grieve, or vex us more ;
 For GOD IS LOVE ! and evermore
 UNCHANGEABLE !

M 5

(z) Psal. lvii. 2. (a) Jer. xxiii. 24.—Eph. i. 17, &c. &c.
 (b) Psal. cxlv. 4, &c. &c. 21.—cl. 6. (c) 1 John iv. 8, 16.
 (d) Mal. iii. 6.—Heb. vii. 24.—Jam. i. 17. (e) Rom. viii. 17, 18.
 (f) Luke i. 68.—Gal. iii. 13.—1 Pet. 18, 19.—Rev. v. 9.
 (g) Isa. ix. 6.—lviii. 12. (h) Act. 3, 4. (i) Rom. viii.
 25.—1 Pet. i. 3. (j) Rev. xxi. 4.—xxii. 3.

5 With sweet delight we wond'ring stand,
 And view from far^k the promis'd land || †
 'Tis rich, and good, and full of store,—
 There we shall live^l when time's no more^m;
 For GOD IS LOVE! and evermore
 UNCHANGEABLE!

CCLXI.

*The Faithful expressing their Joy, and declaring the
 superiority of JESUS CHRIST over Melchisedec
 and Moses.*

1 **E**TERNAL Godⁿ of truth^o and love^p! . . . 8
 We view by faith the things above,— . . . 8
 Immortal and divine: . . . 6
 Lo! none can tell the joy we've found . . . 8
 Beneath the Gospel's joyful sound, . . . 8
 Since we by grace were thine. . . . 6

(k) Isa. xxxiii. 17. (l) Matt. xxv. 46. (m) Rev. x. 6.
 (n) Deut. xxxiii. 27. (o) Deut. xxxii. 4. (p) 2 Cor. xiii. 11.

|| The land of *Canaan* is described, Exod. iii. 8. to be a land that
 floweth with milk and honey; and it was promised to *Abraham* and
 his seed, Gen. xiii. 15. many years before any of them were put in
 possession of it. This fertile place was in some measure figurative of
 a better country, that is an heavenly, Heb. xi. 16. which the same God
 has promised in like manner to all the faithful. It is on the riches
 of this happy country, that they have already set their affections, for
 they know them to be infinitely greater than all the riches of an
 earthly *Canaan*: Hence they earnestly look forward with joyful ex-
 pectation to that glorious day, when *this mortal shall put on immortality*,
 1 Cor. xv. 54. and when it shall be said to them, *Come, ye blessed chil-*
dren of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founda-
tion of the world, Matt. xxv. 34. When this comes to pass they
 will then know assuredly, that God loves his creatures with an ever-
 lasting love, Jer. xxxi. 3. and that the purposes of his love are all un-
 changeable, who will have ALL MEN to be saved, and to come unto the
 knowledge of the truth, 1 Tim. ii. 4.—2 Tim. i. 9.

- 2 Thou know'st on Jesus Christ alone,
Who is the CHIEF and CORNER-STONE,
We build our hopes of bliss :
Other foundation^r none can lay,—
He is the true and living WAY^t
To endless happiness.
- 3 He is our GREAT HIGH PRIEST^s and KING^t !
His all-atoning blood doth bring
More than we can conceive :
He to *Melchisedec* we find
Is far superior^u ; hence mankind
Do life through him receive.
- 4 He is that PROPHET^v which should come
Somewhat like *Moses*, in whose room
He is our LEADER^w now :
To follow him is our delight,
For he doth all our battles fight,
And make our foes to bow.
- 5 In him our CAPTAIN^x we rejoice,
And gladly sing with heart and voice
The honours of his name :
Let all who have salvation found
From pole to pole his praise resound,
And spread abroad his fame.

CCLXII.

The Choice, Confidence, Courage, Prayer, and ultimate end of real Christians.

NONE, Jesus, but thee 5
Will we have for to be 6
M 6

(q) Psal. cxviii. 22.—Eph. ii. 20. (r) 1 Cor. iii. 11.
(t) John xiv. 6. (s) Heb. iv. 14. (t) Luke xix. 38.
(u) Heb. vii. 14, — — — 25. (v) Deut. xviii. 15.—Acts iii.
22, 23.—viii. 37, 38. (w) Isa. lv. 4. (x) Heb. ii. 10.

OUR PROPHET^y, our PRIEST^z, and our KING^a! 8
 We taste of thy grace, 5
 And thy laws we embrace; 6
 O help us thy praises to sing. 8

2 Thy love hath no bounds,—
 It was seen in thy wounds^b
 When thou for the guilty did die!
 It still doth appear,
 For thy Spirit^c is here,
 With blessings, our wants to supply.

3 Throughout the dark hour,
 We are kept by thy pow'r^d,—
 However our grace may be try'd:
 We do not delay,
 But pursue the *good way*^e
 Led on by an unerring GUIDE^f!

4 With *Canaan*^{*} in view,
 We the nations subdue^g,
 Like *Caleb* and brave *Joshua*^h!
 The Lord is our might,
 And our battles doth fight,—
 With hailstonesⁱ our enemies slay!

5 The GOOD LAND^j is near,
 There we soon shall appear;
 Lord make us all faithful till then:
 In CANAAN above
 We shall feast^k on thy love,—
 All heav'n and earth say—*Amen*!

(y) John vi. 14. (z) Heb. ix. 11. (a) John xii. 13e
 (b) Isa. liii. 5. (c) 1 Cor. iii. 16. (d) 1 Pet. i. 5. (e) Jer. vi.
 16. (f) John xvi. 13. (g) Heb. xi. 33. (h) Josh. xi. 23.
 —xiv. 13, 14. (i) Josh. x. 11. (j) Rev. xxi. 1.
 (k) Rev. xix. 9.—xxii. 14.

† See the note, page 250.

CCLXIII.

Doxology.

1 **U**NTO God, who all things made^f, . . . 7
 Glory be, and homage paid ! . . . 7
 Endless thanks and praise be giv'n, . . . 7
 By his church, through earth and heav'n : . . . 7
 Praise Jah^m ! and Jehovah'sⁿ name ! . . . 7
 I am that I am^o ! the same. 7
 King of kings^p ! of lords the Lord^q ! . . . 7
 God of gods^r ! the living Word^s ! . . . 7

2 Praise the woman's promis'd seed^s !
 Sent to bruise the serpent's head :
 The Messiah^t ! long foretold,
 By the holy men of old, —
 Christ^u, the Father's only Son^v !
 God and man^w conjoin'd in one !
 Human nature^x and divine^y
 Now united brightly shine !

3 Praise the Spirit[†], who did please,
 Once to move^z upon the seas ;
 And whose orient beams of light^a
 Swallow up the shades of night :
 Mild pacific heav'nly Dove^b,
 Who descended from above :
 Sanctifying^c pow'r divine,
 Seal^d, which makes the truth to shine.

(l) John i. 3. (m) Psal. lxxviii. 4. (n) Exod. vi. 3. —
 Psal. lxxxiii. 18. (o) Exod. iii. 14. (p) 1 Tim. vi. 15.
 (q) Rev. xvii. 14. — xix. 16. (r) Deut. x. 17. (s) John i. 1.
 (t) Gen. iii. 15. (u) John i. 41. (v) Luke ii. 11. (w) John i.
 14. — — — 18. (x) Isa. xxxii. 2. — — — liii. 3. — — — 2 Cor. v. 19.
 (y) Heb. ii. 16. (z) Col. ii. 8, 9. (a) Gen. i. 2. (b) John i.
 4. — — — 9. — — — 1 John i. 5. — — — 7. (c) Matt. iii. 16.
 (d) 2 Thes. ii. 13. (e) Eph. i. 13.

- 4 God, the Father^e, with his Son^f,
 And his Spirit^g we do own:
 All gods else beside deny,
 But the triune Deity;
 Who in substance is but one
 True^h and savingⁱ God alone!
 Alpha and Omega^j thou,
 First and last, to whom we bow!^k

CCLXIV.

Praise and Prayer AT PARTING.

- 1 GREAT JEHOVAH! heav'nly Father^k! 8
 For the sake of Jesus hear, 7
 And dismiss us with thy favour; 8
 Let thy Spirit witness bear 7
 Of our sonship^l 4
 Till in glory we appear^m. 7
- 2 Holy, like the hosts of heaven,
 Make and keep us all till then:
 So shall constant praise be given
 By the ransom'dⁿ sons of men:
 Alleluia^o,
 Glory be to God—Amen!

- (e) 1 Cor. viii. 6. (f) Gal. iv. 4.—1 John i. 3. (g) 1 Cor. iii.
 10. (h) Jer. xi. 10.—1 John v. 20. (i) Psal. xx. 6.
 (j) Rev. i. 8, 11.—xxi. 6.—xxii. 13. (k) Matt. xviii. 35.
 (l) Rom. viii. 14, --- 17. (m) Col. iii. 4. (n) Isa. xxxv. 10.
 (o) Rev. xix. 1, 3, 4, 6.

THE CONCLUSION.

IT is evident that the duties of Religion are all calculated to promote the happiness of mankind, since none are truly happy but those who are found in the constant exercise of them. For this reason, I cannot conclude without making a few remarks concerning the real happiness which the righteous experience, who have, among other duties, devoted some part of their time to sing praises to God.

By reading the Scriptures, we may clearly see that this noble exercise has always been much practised among the righteous; for one of the questions which the Almighty put to *Job* is, *Where wast thou when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?* *Job xxxviii. 4, 7.* From which we may infer, that these have frequently burst forth in joyful songs of praise to their Maker ever since the creation.

But as it would take too much time here to mention all the examples that are before us, of these which have engaged in this delightful employment, I will only select a few to shew that the faithful in all ages have composed Hymns and Spiritual Songs, and used them in such a manner as was truly acceptable to God; and that we are well furnished both with precepts and examples to recommend this kind of worship to all succeeding generations.

The first that I shall mention is that remarkable song, which was sung by Moses and the children of Israel, after the Lord had saved them out of the hands of the Egyptians. *I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously, &c. Exod. xv. 1, --- 21.*

The second is that which they sung when they were refreshed with water at a place called *Beer*, in the wilderness: *Then sang Israel this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it, &c.* Num. xxi. 16, 17, 18.

The third is still more remarkable: for the Lord (who saw a rebellious spirit rising up among them) did expressly **COMMAND** *Moses*, saying, *Now, therefore, write ye this SONG for you, and TEACH it to the children of Israel: PUT IT IN THEIR MOUTHS, that THIS SONG may be a witness for me against the children of Israel, &c.*—*Moses, therefore, wrote this SONG the same day, and TAUGHT IT the children of Israel*—Deut. xxxi. 19, --- 22, 30.

The fourth is that excellent hymn which was sung when God subdued *Jabin*, the King of *Canaan*, before them: *Then sang Deborah, and Barak, the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying, Praise ye the Lord, &c.* Judg. v. 1, ---- 31.

The fifth is that composed by the mother of the prophet *Samuel*, after she had been devoting him to the service of the Lord: *And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the Lord; mine horn is exalted, &c.* 1 Sam. ii. 1, --- 10.

The sixth is a mournful song of lamentation, composed by *David* on the death of *Saul*, and *Jonathan* his son: *The beauty of Israel is slain upon the high places; how are the mighty fallen! &c.* 2 Sam. i. 19, --- 27.

The seventh is another song of *David's*, which includes a whole chapter of 51 verses; wherein he sets forth the greatness and majesty of God, rehearses the deliverances wrought for him, and beautifully clothes the whole with praise and thanksgiving; 2 Sam. xxii.

The eighth is the book of *Psalms*, which contains a wonderful variety of subjects, suited to almost every state. This book is in reality no other than a choice collection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs, composed by different authors.

The ninth is the song of *Solomon*, which is said to be the most excellent of all songs, being an allegory, wherein is represented the mutual love which sub-

sists betwixt Christ and his Church: *The songs of this Author were* A THOUSAND AND FIVE, 1 Kings iv. 32.

The tenth is a song delivered by the prophet *Isaiah*, concerning a vineyard, which alludes to God's kind dealings with an obstinate and rebellious people: *Now will I sing to my well-beloved, a song to my beloved touching his vineyard, &c.* Isa. v. 1, --- 7.

The eleventh is another delivered by the same Prophet, inciting to confidence in God: *In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city: salvation will God appoint for bulwarks, &c.* Isa. xxvi. 1, --- 4.

The twelfth is a song of *Hezekiah*, King of Judah, when he had been sick and was recovered of his sickness: *I said, in the cutting of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years, &c.* Isa. xxxviii. 10, --- 20.

The thirteenth is by the mother of our Lord: *And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, &c.*—Luke i. 46, --- 55.

The fourteenth is that elevated song of just *Simeon*, when he had taken up Jesus in his arms,—he blessed God and said, *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Luke ii. 29, --- 32.*

These three last rather differ somewhat from the rest, being delivered in a peculiar strain of thanksgiving; yet they are of the same nature, and all contribute to the same glorious end, which is to set forth the praises of God. But when all these passages which I have here referred unto are considered at large, we cannot but see that the saints of old have delighted in composing Hymns and Spiritual Songs; and that some of them were also very great Authors.

With respect to Vocal Music, it was used publicly in the Church before the Temple was built at Jerusalem. To prove this we have only need to take notice that the office, which some of the sons of *Levi* was appointed unto in the house of the Lord, was to be SINGERS. *And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the Lord, after that*

the ark had rest: and they ministered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation, with SINGING, until Solomon had built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order. Of the sons of the Kohathites; Heman a SINGER, &c. 1 Chron. vi. 31, --- 47.

Other fingers, which are far more modern than these, are mentioned under the Gospel dispensation; for Jesus Christ and his disciples were singers. See Matt. xxvi. 30. and Mar. xiv. 26.—In both these places it is said, *And when THEY had SUNG AN HYMN, they went out into the mount of Olives.* Here we have the example of the Son of God, who is both High Priest and Head of the Church, whose order is not liable to change like that of *Levi*; for Christ hath an *unchangeable Priesthood*, Heb. vii. 24. This infallible Teacher joined in chorus, and sang an Hymn with his disciples, which is a certain proof that vocal music belongs to the Church, and is acceptable to him whose infinite wisdom has formed his creatures with musical voices; and whose boundless love continues to bestow grace on all those who seek it. This tunes their hearts and fully prepares them for such noble employment. An eminent proof of this was displayed in *Paul and Silas*, who was made joyful in the midst of suffering, insomuch that although *they were in prison with their feet made fast in the stocks, at midnight they prayed and SANG PRAISES to God*—Not with their hearts only; it is evident they made use of their voices also, for *the prisoners HEARD them*, Acts xvi. 24, 25.

Another proof in favour of vocal music may be had by inquiring into the experience of those true believers, who at this day worship God in the same manner. Note, these are still led by the very same spirit which directed our Lord and his Disciples to sing; and their testimony is equally as true as that of *Paul and Silas*, or any of the Apostles that sang with our Lord; for they have received the Spirit of Truth which guideth them into all truth. Hence God is not without thousands of living witnesses, who know, by heart-felt experience, that singing is

a Gospel Privilege. Having received grace, they sing with the spirit and with the understanding also; making melody in their hearts to the Lord: And they are as diligent in exciting others to sing with them, as the believers were of old, whose cry was, *Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise, &c.* Psal. lxxxi. 1. *Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy on his afflicted,* Isa. xlix. 13. *Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord,* Zech. ii. 10. To this end, when they meet, they frequently lift up their voices together as the voice of one man; and as an infallible proof that God is well pleased, sometimes every soul that is present is melted with a flame of Divine Love; even the wicked are so melted down at the presence of the Lord, that they remain before him like wax before the fire, until they are sealed with the earnest of his Spirit. Thus the Lord is exalted in his own strength among his people, who, in this manner, sing aloud with gladness together.

From all these undeniable testimonies the faithful are sufficiently justified in continuing the use of Vocal Music; yet many humble followers of the Lord are so much afraid of following the bad example of formal lifeless professors†, who abuse this privilege, that they have got so far into the opposite extreme, as entirely to disuse it both in private and in public. But if this is admitted to be right, we may, by the same rule, wholly set aside all vocal praying and preaching, and say we ought only to pray mentally, and to preach by our actions, &c. for there is still many Pharisees in the world, who, for a shew, make long prayers,—which is an abomination to the Lord. And there is also many false prophets gone out into the world, which only preach for hire, and divine for money; whose lives are such as to make the way of truth every where to be evil spoken off.

† See the note, page 158.

Yet we are commanded to *pray without ceasing*, 1 Thes. v. 17. and the true prophets are bid to *preach the Gospel to every creature*, Mar. xvi. 15. In like manner then let all the faithful of every denomination sing; for *the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with SINGING unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away*, Isa. li. 11.

But some reject Hymns and Spiritual Songs as being too formal; hence they will not sing them, because they are words that has been composed by others. So far as this relates to the abuse of singing, it is certainly right not to use them: But there is no necessity that the children of God should use words that does not suit them; neither that they should abuse singing more than praying or any other gospel privilege. And with respect to the formality of Hymns, &c. we may observe, that what our Lord sang with his disciples was a set form of words, otherwise it could not have been properly called AN HYMN; and there is no kind of public devotion used whatever without some sort of a form. For even in heaven *they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints, &c.* Rev. xv. 3, 4.

After thus taking a retrospective view of a few of those examples given us by the Church, concerning vocal music, down as far as the present time, we may clearly see that it is an appointment of JEHOVAH himself; and that it never was abolished;—but, on the contrary, will remain as unchangeable as the Priesthood of Christ. For, according to the vision of St. John, that glorious period will come when all intelligences shall be brought to delight in God, and those who are most averse to singing now, will then become singers. All backwardness, all needless fears, all coldness and deadness will then be done away for ever. Every species of the fall will gladly acknowledge the LION of the tribe of Judah, and heartily join in one grand chorus. From what follows we may learn that there will not be so much as one dissenting

voice, or a silent person among them. *And they sung
a new song, saying,*

*Thou art worthy to take the book,
And to open the seals thereof :
For thou wast slain,
And hast redeemed us to God by thy blood,
Out of every kindred,
And tongue, and people, and nation ;
And hast made us unto our God kings and priests,
And we shall reign on the earth.*

*And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round
about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders : and the
number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand,
and thousands of thousands ; saying, with a loud voice,*

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
To receive power, and riches,
And wisdom,
And strength, and honour, and glory,
And blessing.*

*And EVERY creature that is in heaven, and on the earth,
and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and ALL
that are in them, heard, I saying,*

*Blessing, and honour,
And glory, and power,
Be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb,
For ever and ever !*

*And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and
twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth
for ever and ever, Rev. v. 9, ---- 14.*

§ See the tunes that were purposely composed, suitable for this
work, by JOHN JACKSON.

This fully proves (as I have before observed) that every one will at last become SINGERS; and also that Christ hath built his Church upon a ROCK, which the gates of hell cannot prevail against; therefore let the inhabitants of the Rock SING, Isa. xlii. 11.

. THE END.

ERRATA.

- Page 38, hymn XLIII. verse 3, read, Satan rages to devour.
 — 59, last line but three, read, doth make thee mad.
 — 66, in the sixth line of the references, for CXXXIII. read, CXXX.
 — 74, hymn LXXXIII. ver. 4, this mark † should be after *bride*.
 — 74, in the last line but one, read, from the mystical.
 — 112, last line but two, read, and be tormented.
 — 115, hymn CXVIII. verse 4, read, to heav'n to seek.
 — 116, — CXIX. verse 3, read, weary burthen'd mind.
 — 138, verse 5, for *heart*, read *hart*.
 — 150, — CLVI. verse 4, read, endured.
 — 166, — CLXIX. verse 4, transpose the parenthesis thus,
 Christ, (the seed and root of David,)
 — 184, hymn CXC. verse 3, read, not all that malice.
 — 192, verse 3, read, quite undismayed.
 — 211, verse 6, this mark † should be after *bread*

